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NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of Stockholders of **BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION** will be held at the MANILA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, Harvard Road, Forbes Park, Makati City, on Friday, June 18, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., with the following agenda:

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Due Notice of Meeting and Existence of Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes of the Stockholders Meeting Held on June 30, 2009
4. Presentation of the 2009 Annual Report
5. Ratification of All Acts of the Board and Management
6. Election of Directors
7. Appointment of External Auditors
8. Extension of Exercise Period of Stock Option Plan
9. Other Matters
10. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on May 26, 2010 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, this meeting. For this purpose, the Stock and Transfer Books of the Corporation will be closed from May 26 to June 18, 2010.

In case you cannot attend in person, please accomplish the attached Proxy Form and deliver at the office of the Corporate Secretary at the principal office of the Corporation, on or before June 3, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Validation of proxies will be conducted on June 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the principal office of the Corporation.

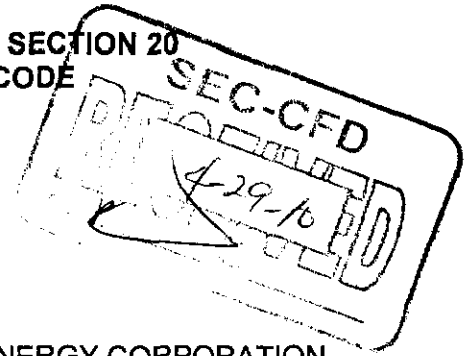
Minutes of the 2009 Annual Stockholders Meeting are available for your perusal at the principal office of the Corporation during business hours.

We look forward to your attendance at the Annual Stockholders Meeting.

Makati City, May 26, 2010.


CORAZON M. BEJASA
Corporate Secretary

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC FORM 20-IS
INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 20
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE**



1. Check the appropriate box:

- Preliminary Proxy Statement
- Definitive Proxy Statement
- Additional Materials

2. Name of Registrant as specified in its charter BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION

3. Incorporated in the Philippines
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization

4. SEC Identification Number 36359

5. BIR Tax Identification Code 000-438-702

6. 7/F Basic Petroleum Bldg., C. Palanca St., Legaspi Vill., Makati City 1229
Address of principal office Postal Code

7. Registrant's telephone number, including area code +63(2)817-8596 & 98

8. June 18, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. at the Manila Golf and Country Club, Harvard Road, Forbes Park, Makati City
Date, time and place of the meeting of security holders

9. Approximate date on which the Information Statement is first to be sent or given to the security holders. May 26, 2010

10. Name of Persons other than the Registrant Filing Proxy Statement
NONE

Address _____

Phone Number _____

11. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the Code (information on number of shares and amount of debt is applicable only to corporate registrants):

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding or Amount of Debt Outstanding
<u>Common</u>	<u>2,410,675,330</u>

12. Are any or all of registrant's securities listed on a Stock Exchange?

Yes No

If so, disclose name of the Exchange: Philippine Stock Exchange

PART I

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

ITEM I. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION (the Corporation) will be held on Friday, June 18, 2010, at 2:00 P.M. at the Manila Golf and Country Club, Harvard Road, Forbes Park, Makati City.

The complete mailing address of the principal office of the Corporation is:

7th Floor, Basic Petroleum Bldg.
104 C. Palanca Jr. St., Legaspi Village
Makati City

RECORD DATE

The record date for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting is May 26, 2010.

APPROXIMATE DATE OF RELEASE OF PROXY STATEMENT AND PROXY FORM

Date: May 26, 2010

ITEM II – DISSENTERS' RIGHT OF APPRAISAL

The appraisal right may be exercised by any stockholder who shall have voted against (1) an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation that changes or restricts the rights of any stockholder or class of shares, or authorizes preferences in any respect superior to the outstanding shares of any class, or extends or shortens the corporate existence; (2) a sale, lease, exchange, transfer, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of all or substantially all of the corporate property and assets; or (3) a merger and consolidation; by making a written demand on the Corporation for payment of the fair value of his share(s). The written demand, together with the share certificate/s of the withdrawing stockholder, must be received by the Corporation within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the vote was taken. Failure to make the written demand or to surrender the share certificate/s within such period shall be deemed a waiver of the appraisal right.

If within a period of sixty (60) days from the date the corporate action was approved by the stockholders, the withdrawing stockholder and the Corporation cannot agree on the fair value of the shares, it shall be determined and appraised by three (3) disinterested persons, one of whom shall be named by the stockholder, another by the Corporation, and the third by the two thus chosen. The findings of the majority of the appraisers shall be final, and their award shall be paid by the Corporation within thirty (30) days after such award is made. No payment shall be made to any withdrawing stockholder unless the Corporation has unrestricted retained

earnings in its books to cover such payment. Upon payment by the Corporation of the agreed or awarded price, the stockholders shall forthwith transfer his shares to the Corporation.

The appraisal right is also available to a dissenting stockholder in case the Corporation decides to invest its funds in another corporation or business or for any purpose other than the primary purpose as provided in Title IV, Section 42 of the Corporation Code. In addition, the Corporation shall take up and seek approval by stockholders of the denial of pre-emptive rights of stockholders to issuances from the un-issued authorized capital stock of the Corporation. This matter may give rise to the exercise of any dissenter's appraisal right.

ITEM III - INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

No director or officer of the Corporation or nominee for election as director, or officer of the Corporation, or past director or officer of the Corporation at anytime since the beginning of the last fiscal year, and to the best knowledge of the Corporation, no associate of a director or officer or nominee for election as director or officer of the Corporation has any substantial interest, direct or indirect, by security holdings or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, other than the election to office as directors of the incumbent directors and the extension of the exercise period for the Corporation's stock and option plan.

The Corporation has not received any information from a director of the Corporation, either verbally or in writing of his/her intention to oppose any action to be taken by the Corporation at the annual stockholders meeting.

B. CONTROL AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION

ITEM IV - VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

- a) **Number of common shares** – 3,873,175,330 shares (inclusive of subscribed and unpaid shares), as of March 31, 2010. Each share is entitled to one vote, subject to cumulative voting, as explained below. There are no restrictions that limit the payment of dividends on common shares.
- b) **Record Date** – May 26, 2010.
- c) **Voting Rights** - At the annual meeting of stockholders, every stockholder entitled to vote shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock registered in his name in the books of the Corporation. However, in the election of directors, every stockholder entitled to vote shall be entitled to cumulate his vote in accordance with the provisions of law in such case made and provided. Hence, a holder of shares of common stock may vote such number of shares recorded in his name in the books of the Corporation as of Record Date, for as many persons as there are directors to be elected, or he may cumulate said shares and give one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of his shares shall equal, or he may distribute such shares of stock on the same principle among as many candidates as he shall see fit.

d) **Security Ownership of Certain Record and Beneficial Owners and Management**

(1) **Security Ownership of Certain Record and Beneficial Owners**

The entity known to the Registrant to be directly or indirectly the record or beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Corporation's outstanding common shares as of March 31, 2010 is:

(1) Title of Class	(2) Name & Address of Record Owner & Relationship with Issuer	(3) Name of Beneficial Ownership and Relationship with Record Owner	(4) Citizenship of Record Owner	(5) No. of Shares Held & Nature of Ownership (Record/Beneficial)	(6) Percentage
Common Shares	PCD Nominee Corp.* 37/F Tower I Enterprise Center Ayala Avenue cor. Paseo de Roxas Makati City (No relationship with the Corporation)	Various Participants of PCD	Filipino	1,810,474,201 (Record)	75.10%

*PCD Nominee Corporation is the registered owner of shares beneficially owned by participants in the Philippine Central Depository, Inc. (PCD), a private corporation organized to implement an automated book entry system of handling securities transactions in the Philippines. Under the PCD procedures, when an issuer of a PCD-eligible issue will hold a stockholders' meeting, the PCD shall execute a pro-forma proxy in favor of its participants for the total number of shares in their respective principal security account as well as for the total number of shares in their client securities account. For the shares held in the principal securities account, the participant concerned is appointed as proxy with full voting rights and powers as registered owner of such shares. For the shares held in the client securities account, the participant concerned is appointed as proxy, with the obligation to constitute a sub-proxy in favor of its clients with full voting and other rights for the number of shares beneficially owned by such clients. None of the participants of PCD holds more than five percent of the Corporation's total outstanding common shares of stock.

(2) **Security Ownership of Directors and Key Officers**

The following are the number of common shares known to the Corporation to be owned beneficially and/or of record by the incumbent directors and key officers of the Corporation, and the percentage of shareholdings of each, as of February 28, 2010:

DIRECTORS

Title of Class	Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount of Beneficial Ownership & Relationship w/ Beneficial Owner	Citizenship	Percentage
Common	Oscar C. De Venecia	8,110,000(direct)	Filipino	0.340%
Common	Francis C. Chua	2,000,000(direct)	Filipino	0.080%
Common	Ramon L. Mapa	268,635 (direct)	Filipino	0.011%
Common	Oscar L. De Venecia, Jr.	516,334 (direct)	Filipino	0.021%
Common	Ma. Florina M. Chan	10,000(direct)	Filipino	0.000%
Common	Eduardo V. Manalac	10,000(direct)	Filipino	0.000%
Common	Jaime J. Martínez	10,000(direct)	Filipino	0.000%

Common	Gabriel R. Singson, Jr.	10,000(direct)	Filipino	0.000%
Common	Isidoro O. Tan	24,822,276(direct)	Filipino	1.030%
Common	Oscar S. Reyes	10,000(direct)	Filipino	0.000%
Common	Dennis D. Decena	10,000(direct)	Filipino	0.000%
	TOTAL	35,777,245		1.484%

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Title of Class	Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount of Beneficial Ownership & Relationship w/ Beneficial Owner	Citizenship	Percentage
Common	Alberto P. Morillo	1,554,121 (direct)	Filipino	0.060%
	TOTAL	1,554,121		0.060%

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AS A GROUP

Title of Class	Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount of Beneficial Ownership & Relationship w/ Beneficial Owner	Citizenship	Percentage
Common	Directors as a Group	35,777,245(direct)	Filipino	1.484%
	Executive Officers as a Group	1,554,121(direct)	Filipino	0.060%
	Total	37,331,366		1.544%

Voting Trust Holders of 5% or more

None of the directors and officers owns 5% or more of the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation. The Corporation is not also aware of any person holding 5% or more of the Corporation's outstanding shares under a voting trust agreement or similar agreement.

Changes in Control

Management is not aware of any existing arrangement which may result in a change in control of the Corporation by stockholders.

ITEM V - DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following are the incumbent directors of the Corporation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Period of Service</u>
Oscar C. De Venecia	1988 to July 12, 2007; February 12, 2009 up to the present
Francis C. Chua	1998 up to the present
Ramon L. Mapa	1976 up to the present
Oscar L. de Venecia, Jr.	1999-2006; March 30, 2007 up to the present
Ma. Florina M. Chan	April 3, 2008 up to the present
Eduardo V. Manalac	September 30, 2009 up to the present
Jaime J. Martinez	October 10, 2007 up to the present

Gabriel R. Singson, Jr.	April 3, 2008 up to the present
Isidoro O. Tan	1993 up to the present
Oscar S. Reyes	April 04, 2007 up to the present
Dennis D. Decena	August 8, 2008 up to the present

Each director of the Corporation holds office for a one (1) year term beginning on the date of his election and expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders next after his election and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS AND INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Corporation composed of Mr. Oscar C. De Venecia, as Chairman, with Mr. Oscar S. Reyes, Mr. Ramon L. Mapa, Mr. Oscar L. De Venecia, Jr., and Mr. Dennis D. Decena, as members, has determined that the incumbent directors, shall be nominated for re-election at the annual meeting of stockholders, and that all the nominees possess all the qualifications and have none of the disqualifications for directorship as prescribed in the Corporation's By-Laws and the Manual of Corporate Governance. For the purpose of electing the independent directors, the Nominating Committee adopted the independence criteria set out in the Corporation's Manual of Corporate Governance and under SRC Rule No. 38 and are consistent with SEC Memorandum Circular No. 16, Series of 2002. The two independent directors-nominees, namely: Messrs. Dennis D. Decena and Oscar S. Reyes are not officers or employees of the Corporation nor any of its subsidiaries, and are free from any business or other relationship with the Corporation which could or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment in carrying out their responsibilities as independent directors

The following are nominated as members of the Board of Directors for the term 2010-2011:

Oscar C. De Venecia	Francis C. Chua
Ramon L. Mapa	Oscar L. de Venecia, Jr.
Ma. Florina M. Chan	Jaime J. Martinez
Eduardo V. Manalac	Gabriel R. Singson, Jr.
Isidoro O. Tan	
Dennis D. Decena.-Independent Director	
Oscar S. Reyes-Independent Director	

The following nominees for election as independent directors of the Board of Directors were nominated, as follows:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominating Party</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Dennis D. Decena	Oscar C. De Venecia	none
Oscar S. Reyes	Oscar C. De Venecia	none

None of the above directors declined to stand for re-election to the Board of Directors because of any disagreement with the Corporation or any matter relating to the Corporation's operations, policies or practices.

Board Committees

The members of the Audit Committee which reviews the audit plans, report and findings of the internal and external auditors of the Corporation, are:

Oscar S. Reyes (Independent Director)	-	Chairman
Dennis D. Decena (Independent Director)	-	Member
Ma. Florina M. Chan	-	Member
Jaime J. Martinez	-	Member
Gabriel R. Singson, Jr.	-	Member

The members of the Nominating Committee, which reviews the qualifications of nominees to the Board of Directors and the key officers of the Corporation, are:

Oscar C. De Venecia	-	Chairman
Oscar S. Reyes (Independent Director)	-	Vice Chairman
Oscar L. De Venecia, Jr.	-	Member
Ramon L. Mapa	-	Member
Dennis D. Decena (Independent Director)	-	Member

The members of the Compensation and Remuneration Committee, which reviews the Corporation's compensation and remuneration structure for directors and officers of the Corporation, are:

Oscar L. De Venecia, Jr.	-	Chairman
Francis C. Chua	-	Member
Jaime J. Martinez	-	Member
Isidoro O. Tan	-	Member
Dennis D. Decena (Independent Director)	-	Member

The members of the Finance and Investments Committee, which reviews the financial reports of the Corporation and all project and investment proposals, prior to submission to the Board of Directors, are:

Jaime J. Martinez	-	Chairman
Ramon L. Mapa	-	Vice Chairman
Oscar L. De Venecia, Jr.	-	Member
Ma. Florina M. Chan	-	Member
Eduardo V. Manalac	-	Member
Oscar S. Reyes (Independent Director)	-	Member
Gabriel R. Singson, Jr.	-	Member
Isidoro O. Tan	-	Member
Prudencio C. Somera, Jr.	-	Member

The members of the Corporate Governance Committee, which is responsible for maintaining and ensuring good governance of the Corporation, are:

Francis C. Chua	-	Chairman
Gabriel R. Singson, Jr.	-	Vice Chairman
Ma. Florina M. Chan	-	Member
Jaime J. Martinez	-	Member
Dennis D. Decena (Independent Director)	-	Member

The following are the incumbent officers of the Corporation:

Oscar C. De Venecia	Chairman & CEO
Oscar L. De Venecia, Jr.	President & COO
Marietta V. Villafuerte	VP & Treasurer
Corazon M. Bejasa	VP & Corporate Secretary
Alberto P. Morillo	VP- Operations
Angel P. Gahol	AVP-Compliance Officer & Asst. Corporate Secretary
Mary Jean G. Alger	AVP- Corporate Planning

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following are the names, ages, positions and period of service in the Corporation of the incumbent directors, who were nominated for election as directors for the term 2010-2011, and key officers of the Corporation, and their business experiences for the last five years:

1. DIRECTORS

OSCAR C. DE VENECIA, 77 years old, Filipino, is the Chairman of the Board, effective February 12, 2009. Prior thereto, he was the Chairman of the Advisory Board since July 12, 2007, and was a director of the Corporation since 1972 and was the Chairman of the Board from 1988 to July 12, 2007. He is the Vice- Chairman of Basic Ecomarket Farms, Inc. and Basic Biofuels Corporation, wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Corporation, and the Chairman of the other subsidiaries of the Corporation, namely: iBasic, Inc., Basic Diversified Holdings, Inc., Southwest Resources, Inc. and Pan-Phil Aqua Culture Corporation. He is also the Vice-Chairman, International Relations – in charge of Business Councils, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Director of Pangasinan Economic Development Foundation, Inc. and Trustee of the Free Rural Eye Clinic Foundation, Inc. He is the Honorary Consul General of Ukraine in the Philippines and past Dean of the Consular Corps of the Philippines. He was Rear Admiral (Honorary) of the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary, Past Chairman of the Rotary Golfing Fellowship Foundation of the Philippines, Inc., and the Past Chairman & President, Petroleum Association of the Philippines. He was a director of the Manila Economic & Cultural Office (MECO), was an Independent Director of Export & Industry Bank, and Past District Governor of Rotary International, District 3830. He is a member of the Management Association of the Philippines and the Rotary Club of Makati West. He was the recipient of various awards from private and government institutions and professional and civic organizations. He obtained his degree in Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at the Mapua Institute of Technology, Manila and his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, USA. He obtained his Graduate Studies on Executive Program at Stanford University, Stanford, California, USA and on Petroleum Management Program at Institute Francais Du Petrole, Paris, France.

FRANCIS C. CHUA, 60 years old, Filipino, is a director of the Corporation since 1998, and the second Vice Chairman of the Board of the Directors and Director of the various subsidiaries of the Corporation since November, 2007. He is the Special Envoy on Trade and Investments of the Department of Foreign Affairs since June, 2007 and Special Envoy on Trade and Investments (China) from 2006 to 2010. He is the Honorary Trade and Investment Representative of the Department of Trade and Industry from 2002 up to the present. He is also the Consul General, Honorary Consulate General of the Republic of Peru in Manila, since 2006.

He was a Special Adviser on Economic Affairs, Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Congress of the Philippines, 1997 and member of the Board of Trustees of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority from 2006 to 2009. He was the Chairman and President of BA Securities up to 2007; President of the Philippine Satellite Corporation, and Vice-Chairman/Treasurer of Mabuhay Satellite Corporation. He was a member of the Board of Governors and Treasurer of the Philippine Stock Exchange from 2000 to 2002. He is a director of Bank of Commerce since 2008 and a director of NGCP since 2009. For his civic affiliations, among others, he is the Honorary President of the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce & Industry, President Emeritus of the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines Foundation; and President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce & Industry for 2010. He obtained his degree in Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of the Philippines, in 1967, and was conferred Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa from the Central Luzon State University.

RAMON L. MAPA, 66 years old, Filipino, is a director of the Corporation since 1976 and a Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors effective October, 2007 and director of the various subsidiaries of Corporation. He is the President of Wise Securities, Inc. since 1999 and a Director of Sta. Elena Properties, Inc., since 2002 and Director and Treasurer of Maple Agricultural Corporation, and Maple Realty Corporation since 2002. He was a Director of Wise Holdings, Inc. from 2002 to 2006. He obtained his degree in Bachelor of Arts, major in Economics from the Ateneo University in 1965 and earned MBA credits also at the Ateneo University in 1966.

OSCAR L. DE VENECIA, JR., 42 years old, Filipino, is a director and the President and COO of the Corporation since July, 2007. Prior thereto, he was the Executive Vice President & COO of the Corporation since April 04, 2007. He has served the Corporation in various executive positions, namely, as SVP and COO from June, 1997 up to June, 2001 and was the President and CEO from December, 2002 up to November, 2005. He is the President of Basic Ecomarket Farms, Inc. and Basic Biofuels Corporation, the President & COO of Basic Diversified Industrial Holdings, Inc., the Chairman and President of of iBasic, Inc., director of Basic Consolidated International, Inc. and President of Southwest Resources, Inc. He was the President of Forum Energy Philippines, Inc. from November 2005 to April 2007, Chairman and CEO of Blue Bamboo Solutions, Inc. from September, 2002 to December, 2005, a Consultant for Strategic Alliance Development Corporation from March, 2002 and moved as Business Development Manager of Stradcom Corporation from May to November, 2002. He is the incoming President of the Rotary Club of Makati – East for the Rotary year 2010-2011. He obtained his degree in Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Fordham University, New York City, in 1996 and a Master in Entrepreneurship from the Asian Institute of Management in 2000.

MA. FLORINA M. CHAN, 54 years old, Filipino, is a Director of the Corporation since April 3, 2008 and a director of Basic Diversified Industrial Holdings, Inc., a subsidiary of the Corporation since 2008. She is the President & COO of Philippine Commercial Capital, Inc., with which she has been employed since 1982, and a director of PCCI Securities Brokers Corporation, International Capital Corporation and PCCI Equities, Inc., since 2005. She obtained her degree in Bachelor of Science in Business Economics at the University of the Philippines in 1977 and Master in Business Administration at the Fordham University in 1980.

DENNIS D. DECENA, 58 years old, Filipino, is an independent director of the Corporation since August 8, 2008. He was the EVP and COO of Roxaco Land Corporation from 1997 to 2008 and Treasurer of Roxas & Company from 2003 to 2008. Prior thereto, from 1976 to 1997, he held various responsible positions in the Jaka Group of Companies, Urban Bank, Union Bank, Business International (HK) Ltd., RCBC, UCPB and FEBTC. He is presently an independent director of Rural Bank of Cavite, Inc. and a regular director of the Punta Fuego Village Homeowners Association Inc. He was and still is active in various professional and civic organizations such as the FINEX, the FINEX Foundation, the Rotary Club of Makati West, the Debbie Decena Memorial Educational Foundation and the Society of Industrial, Residential Commercial Realty Organization (SIRCRO). He obtained his degree in Bachelor of Arts in Economics Honors (Cum Laude) from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1974 and his Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of the Philippines in 1976. He was a Postgraduate Fellow of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, TUFTS University, in Massachusetts, U.S.A. as a Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow where he obtained his postgraduate certificate in International Business in 1989.

JAIME J. MARTIREZ, 55 years old, Filipino, is a director of the Corporation and its subsidiaries since October, 2007. He is the President & CEO of Majalco Finance & Investments, Inc., Managing Director and Treasurer of Unicapital, Inc., Treasurer and Director of Unicapital Securities, Inc., Chairman, and President & CEO of Unoventure, Inc., a PEZA registered enterprise facilities provider. He holds other director positions, in Majalco, Inc., a diversified holding corporation, Malayan Savings Bank, CCC Insurance Corporation, and Insular Rural Bank, a Las Pinas based rural bank. He is also a director of the Philippine Finance Association, and is a member of the Makati Business Club. He has acquired and developed professional expertise in the field of Investment Banking for the last 26 years, since 1976. He obtained his degree in Bachelor of Science in Management from De La Salle University in 1975 and is a candidate for a Masters degree in Business Administration from the Ateneo de Manila University Graduate School in 1979.

EDUARDO V. MAÑALAC, Filipino, 64 years old, is a director of the Corporation and its subsidiaries since October, 2009. He is currently President of TransEnergy International Limited, and non-executive Director for the Australian company, NIDO Petroleum Limited. From 2003 to late 2004, Mr. Mañalac was Undersecretary of the Department of Energy (DOE), where, among other achievements, he promoted the standardization and use of coconut biodiesel, which highlighted the DOE's participation in developing the "Biofuels Law." He instituted a transparent new system for the awarding of oil service contracts, that led to the First Philippine Contracting Round in 2003. He was appointed President and CEO of the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) on August, 30, 2004, President and CEO of the PNOC Exploration Corporation (PNOC-EC) in September, 2004, and subsequently Chairman of the PNOC Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) within the same time period. Mr. Mañalac also initiated international cooperative meetings that led to the historic signing of the Tripartite Agreement for a Joint Marine Seismic Undertaking in the South China Sea between the Philippines (PNOC), China (China National Offshore Oil Corporation), and Vietnam (Petrovietnam).

Prior to 2003, he was an executive for the Oklahoma-based Phillips Petroleum Company and its subsidiaries with supervision over the company's oil exploration activities in North America and Latin America respectively. In the same capacity with Phillips, he was assigned to Indonesia, Pakistan, the US, and most recently China, where, as vice-president and exploration manager for Phillips China, he discovered the giant Peng Lai oil field in northern China's Bohai Bay in 1999. For this reason, and for other outstanding achievements, the government of the People's Republic of China honored him with its Friendship Award in 2000, and its first-ever Foreign Model Worker Award in 2003. Mr. Mañalac attended the University of the Philippines in

Diliman, Q.C. Philippines (which granted him an Outstanding Alumni Award in 2001), where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology in 1967, and where he completed post-Graduate studies in petroleum geology through 1969.

OSCAR S. REYES, 64 years old, Filipino, and a director of the Corporation and its subsidiaries since June, 2007. He is the Chairman of Basic Ecomarket Farms, Inc., a subsidiary of the Corporation, since March, 2009. Among his other positions are: Chairman of Link Edge, Inc. and MRL Gold Phils., Inc.; Member of the Board of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company as independent director, Smart Communications Inc., Bank of the Philippine Islands, Ayala Land, Inc. as independent director, Manila Water Co. as independent director, Alcorn Gold Resources Corporation, Pepsi Cola Products Philippines Inc. as independent director, Sun Life Financial Plans, Inc., First Philippine Electric Corporation, and Petrolift Inc. Prior to these posts, he served the Shell Companies in the Philippines in various capacities, including Country Chairman and concurrently President of Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation, and Managing Director of Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. He is a Member of the Board of Trustees of Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc., SGV Foundation, and El Nido Foundation, Inc. He finished his BA, Major in Economics (Cum Laude) at the Ateneo de Manila University in 1965. He undertook post-graduate studies at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, Waterloo Lutheran University and the Harvard Business School.

GABRIEL R. SINGSON, JR., 44 years old, Filipino, is a Director of the Corporation since April 3, 2008 and director of the various subsidiaries of the Corporation. He is presently a director of SR Capital Holdings, Inc. He was formerly the Undersecretary of the Department of Finance for Privatization in 2005-2006 and prior thereto, he was the Chairman of SR Capital Holdings, Inc. from 2000 to 2005, the Vice Chairman of Pilipino Cable Corporation from 1998 to 2004 and the President of Telemondial Holdings, Inc. from 1997 to 2004. He was the Chief Financial Officer of Macondray & Co., Inc. from 1990 to 1996, then Chief Operating Officer thereof from 1996 to 1999, and a director of Del Monte Philippines from 1996 to 1999. He obtained his degree in Business Management from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1986, graduating Magna Cum Laude and Master in Business Administration- Finance from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania in 1989.

ISIDORO O. TAN, 61 years old, Filipino, is a director of the Corporation since 1993 and director of the various subsidiaries of the Corporation. He is also the President & Director of Filspin, Inc.; Vice-President & Director of Filtex Manufacturing Corporation and Foremost Integrated Corporation, for the last five (5) years at least. He obtained his degree in Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering at the Adamson University in 1969.

2. OFFICERS

MARIETTA V. VILLAFUERTE, 63 years old, Filipino, is the Treasurer of the Corporation with rank of Vice President since March 16, 2009. She was Vice-President for Finance of the Corporation from January, 2008 to March 15, 2009. She was the Senior Vice President & Comptroller of PentaCapital Finance Corporation, with whom she was employed as Comptroller since September, 1993. Previous to that, she assumed various positions in General Credit Corporation (which subsequently became PentaCapital) as Personnel Manager, Credit Manager and then Comptroller. She is a Certified Public Accountant, and obtained her degree in Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Major in Accounting, from the University of the Philippines, in 1968.

CORAZON M. BEJASA, 62 years old, Filipino, is the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation with the rank of Vice President since July 12, 2007. She was Head, Legal and Human Resources of ValueGen Insurance Corporation and Banclife Insurance Corporation from 2002 to 2006. Earlier, she was Corporate Secretary and Senior Vice President for Support Services and occupied various department head positions for legal, human resources, credit, administration, mortgage banking and consumer banking at Urban Bank from 1983 to 2000. She was also employed as legal research officer then legal executive assistant at the Central Bank of the Philippines from 1974 to 1983 and Assistant to the Secretary of the Monetary Board in 1991, and as legal researcher at the Supreme Court of the Philippines from 1972 to 1974. She obtained her Bachelor of Laws from the University of Santo Tomas, Magna Cum Laude, in 1972 and was 8th Place in 1972 Bar Examinations.

ALBERTO P. MORILLO, 54 years old, Filipino, is the Vice-President for Petroleum Operations since 2007. He first joined the Corporation in July 1987 as Geologist and became Vice President in 1989 until 1997. He continued serving the Corporation as a Consultant from 1997 and was rehired as Vice President for Petroleum Operations in 2007. Prior to re-joining the Corporation, he was Vice President for Exploration of Forum Exploration, Inc. from 1997 to 1999. His earlier work included stints as Geologist in various exploration and mining companies including PNOC – Exploration Corporation, Semirara Coal Corporation and Jasra Kutei Basin Ltd. in Indonesia, among others. He is also concurrently a Director of First Exploration and Development Services, a technical consultancy firm. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of the Philippines in 1978, and has earned MBA units from the Ateneo de Manila University. He has taken the Management Development Program from the Asian Institute of Management in 1994, and an MS in Computer Science (pending thesis) from the AMA Computer College in 2001.

MARY JEAN G. ALGER, 39 years old, Filipino, is the Assistant Vice President for Corporate Planning of the Corporation since July, 2007. She has been involved in financial advisory and investment banking in the last eight years and was Asst. Vice President of BancPros, Inc. (a financial and management services Corporation) up to 2008. She also served as the Investment Officer of Banclife Insurance Co., Inc. and ValueGen Financial Insurance Corporation, Inc., the wholly owned life and non-life insurance companies of Export and Industry Bank (EIB), respectively from 2002 to 2007. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Business Economics degree from the University of the Philippines in 1991.

ANGEL P. GAHOL, 57 years old, Filipino, is the Assistant Vice President- Legal Department of the Corporation since August 15, 2006. He is the Assistant Corporate Secretary and Compliance Officer of the Corporation. He has been the Legal and Human Resources Manager of the PHINMA's industrial estate, Bacnotan Industrial Park Corporation, and Bacnotan Steel Industries, Inc. from 1997 to 2002 and of the mini-steel mill plant project located in Calaca, Batangas as HRD Manager on a concurrent basis. He has been with Bacnotan Consolidated Industries, Inc. for eight years as Legal Assistant and with PHINMA's Legal Department for more than seven years as Assistant Legal Counsel. He obtained his degree in Bachelor of Arts, major in Economics, from the University of Santo Tomas in 1973 and his degree in Bachelor of Laws from the same university in 1979.

SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYEES

The key officers of the Corporation who are expected to make a significant contribution to the business of the Corporation consist of the above-named directors holding executive positions and officers. To retain these key officers, the employee benefits of the Corporation as defined in

its Personnel Manual, may be upgraded when warranted by an improved financial condition of the Corporation, to make these benefits competitive with the industry.

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Mr. Oscar L. de Venecia, Jr., President & COO, is the son of Mr. Oscar C. De Venecia, the Chairman & CEO of the Corporation. There are no other family relationships within the fourth civil degree known to the Corporation among the rest of the directors, nominees and executive officers of the Corporation.

INVOLVEMENT IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Corporation is not aware of any bankruptcy proceedings filed against any of its directors or executive officers, nor of any criminal conviction or final judgment barring or limiting any business involvement or any order, judgment or decree subjecting said directors or executive officers, or a violation of a securities or commodities law or regulation filed against any of its directors or executive officers, during the past five (5) years up to April 29, 2010..

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

There has been no material transaction during the past two years, nor is there any material transaction, contractual or other commitments, currently on-going or being proposed, to which the Corporation was or is to be a party with any incumbent director and/or executive officer of the Corporation, disclosed or required to be disclosed in the financial statements of the Corporation pursuant to SFAS/IAS No. 24.

In the normal course of business, the Corporation has transactions with its subsidiaries consisting of non-interest bearing advances to finance the working capital requirements of these subsidiaries, and provides assistance to its subsidiaries in carrying out certain administrative functions in connection with its business operations.

ITEM VI – COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

NAME/POSITION	FISCAL YEAR	SALARIES	BONUSES	OTHER COMPENSATION
Oscar C. De Venecia Chairman & CEO				
Oscar L. de Venecia, Jr. President & COO				
Marietta V. Villafuerte VP-Treasurer				
Corazon M. Bejasa VP & Corporate Secretary				
Alberto P. Morillo VP-Operations				
Total	<i>2010</i>	4,664,400 (estimated)	388,700 (estimated)	0
	<i>2009</i>	5,265,733	439,979	0
	<i>2008</i>	10,283,487	855,291	0

All Other Officers as a Group Unnamed	2010	1,333,800 (estimated)	111,150 (estimated)	0
	2009	1,431,856	127,021	0
	2008	3,342,473	1,313,791	0

The Directors of the Corporation do not receive compensation from the Corporation, except per diems for attendance at Board and Committee Meetings at Php5,500.00 and Php2,750.00 per attendance, respectively. Except for the stock option plan discussed below and the existing retirement plan for officers and employees of the Corporation, there is no existing compensatory plan or arrangement covering bonuses, profit-sharing, warrants, options and other rights for directors and officers of the Corporation, or which will arise from the resignation, retirement, expiration of term of employment, change in control or change in the officer's responsibilities.

A stock option plan was approved by the stockholders at the 2007 annual meeting of stockholders, whereby directors and members of the Advisory Board, officers and selected employees of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, and other persons as determined by the Board of Directors shall be granted the option to purchase shares of stock of the Corporation from its un-issued capital stock at par value, and exercisable on the 3rd year from approval of the plan by the stockholders, subject to such allocation of shares as may be approved by the Board of Directors, not to exceed the total of 500,000,000 shares. However, the details and mechanics of the plan have yet to be submitted for the approval of the Board of Directors. There is no SEC approval yet on the said stock option plan and the Corporation will seek approval by the SEC, when the mechanics thereof are approved by the Board of Directors. Thus, the extension of the exercise period from July 12, 2010 to July 11, 2013 is necessary to fully implement the stock option plan and shall be submitted for approval of the stockholders at the annual stockholders meeting.

There are no other plans, under which cash or non-cash compensation may be paid or distributed to directors and officers of the Corporation, which will be taken up at the annual meeting of stockholders.

ITEM VII. INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Sycip, Gorres, Velayo & Co. (SGV) was the Corporation's independent auditors for the year 2009. The same auditing firm is being recommended for appointment as the Corporation's external auditor for the year 2010 by the stockholders at the annual meeting of stockholders. Representatives of SGV will be present during the annual meeting of stockholders and will be given the opportunity to make a statement if they so desire. They are also expected to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders, should there be any. SGV has accepted the Corporation's invitation to stand for re-election this year.

Audit services of SGV for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 included the examination of the books and consolidated financial statements of the Corporation, assistance in the preparation of the Corporation's final income tax returns and other services related to filing of reports made with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The audit fees for 2008 and 2009 were Php468,500.00 and Php580,000.00, respectively. The audit fee for 2008 was fully paid on

May 15, 2008, while Php406,000.00 has already been paid on March 23, 2010 as partial payment of the audit fees for 2009.

In addition to the audit related services, SGV rendered tax and financial accounting services in connection with the sale of the Corporation's entire interest in Basic Petroleum and Minerals, Inc. in 2006. In June, 2007, SGV rendered financial accounting services in connection with the acquisition of Zambo Norte Biofuels Corporation.

There was no event in the past five (5) years where SGV and the Corporation had any disagreement with regard to any matter relating to accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosures or auditing scope or procedures.

Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors, SGV will be recommended as the external auditor who will conduct the audit of the Corporation for the fiscal year 2010, subject to approval by the stockholders. In compliance with SEC Memorandum Circular 8, Series of 2003 (Rotation of External Auditors), SGV partner, Ms. Aileen L. Saringan, was assigned as partner-in-charge for the Corporation only for the fiscal years 2009 and 2010, still within the 5-year rotation period for external auditors.

C. ISSUANCE AND EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES

ITEM VIII - AUTHORIZATION OR ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES OTHER THAN FOR EXCHANGE

There is no capital increase or issuance of securities which will be submitted for approval of stockholders at the annual stockholders meeting.

ITEM IX - MODIFICATION OR EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES

There is no modification or exchange of securities which will be submitted for approval of stockholders at the annual stockholders meeting.

ITEM X - FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION

(a) 2009 Audited Financial Statements

The 2009 financial statements of the Corporation were audited by the Corporation's external auditors:

SGV & Company
Mailing Address: SGV Building, 6760 Ayala Avenue, Makati City 1226
Certifying Partner: Aileen L. Saringan
C.P.A. No. 72557
PTR No. 2087572 dated January 4, 2010.

The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the Corporation as of December 31, 2009 are attached as part of this Proxy Statement.

(b) Changes in and disagreements with accountants on accounting and financial disclosures

There are no disagreements with the Corporation's external auditors on any accounting principles or practices, and financial statement disclosures or auditing scope or procedures in the 2009 audited financial statements of the Corporation.

There are, however, changes in accounting policies and disclosures based on the adoption of new Philippine interpretations based on the International Financial Reporting Committee Interpretations, which have been effective January 1, 2009, namely:

- i) PAS 1-Presentation of Financial Statements
The Corporation elected to present a single Statement of Comprehensive Income.
- ii) Amendment to PFRS 7-Financial Instruments: Disclosures
The fair value hierarchy and liquidity position were included in the Audited Financial Statements
- iii) PAS 41-Agriculture
Removed reference to the use of pre-tax discount rate to determine fair value.

The above changes were disclosed in the Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the Corporation as of December 31, 2009, attached as part of this Proxy Statement.

(c) Participation of Representatives of External Auditors

Representatives of SGV and Company, which audited the aforementioned financial statements of the Corporation (i) are expected to be present at the annual meeting of stockholders (ii) will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so; and (iii) are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders during said meeting.

(d) Incorporation by Reference

The following documents are incorporated herein by reference and are attachments to this Proxy Statement:

- (1) Notice of Annual Stockholders Meeting and Proxy Form;
- (2) 2009 Management Report
- (3) Audited Financial Statements of the Corporation as of December 31, 2009; and
- (4) SEC Form 17-Q covering the Interim Financial Statements of the Corporation as of March 31, 2010.

ITEM XI - MERGER, CONSOLIDATION, ACQUISITION & SIMILAR MATTERS

There are no actions to be taken up at the annual meeting of stockholders which will involve the merger or consolidation of the Corporation with another entity or acquisition by the Corporation of any other going business or the assets thereof.

ITEM XII – ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

There are no actions to be taken up at the annual meeting of stockholders which will involve the acquisition or disposition of property, whether real or personal, of the Corporation.

ITEM XIII - RESTATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

There are no actions to be taken up at the annual meeting of stockholders which will involve the restatement of any asset, capital or surplus account of the Corporation.

D. OTHER MATTERS

ITEM XIV – ACTION WITH RESPECT TO REPORTS

The following actions on reports of the Corporation shall be sought for in the annual meeting of stockholders:

(a) Approval of the Minutes of the 2009 Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on June 30, 2009.

The Minutes contain the following:

- Approval of the Minutes of the 2008 Stockholders' Meeting.
 - Notation of the 2008 Management Report and the 2008 Audited Financial Statements.
 - Ratification of all acts done by the outgoing Board of Directors and Management
 - Election of the Directors of the Corporation for the term 2009-2010
 - Appointment of SGV & Co. as the external auditor for 2009; and
- (b) Notation of the 2009 Management Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2009.
- (c) Ratification of all acts of the Board of Directors and Management for the period covering the term 2009-2010, which consist of the following actions:
- Appointment of officers, members of the Board and Management Committees and directors and officers of subsidiaries for the term 2009-2010
 - Approval for the Contract for a Feasibility Study of a Cassava-Based Bio-Ethanol Plant Project with the Alternative Energy Institute of Thailand Foundation and Ethanol Thai Ltd
 - Authority for the opening of a trust or investment management account with Metropolitan Bank and Trust Corporation-Trust Banking Group
 - Signing of the settlement agreement with ZNBPI of its remaining commitments under the Share Purchase Agreement dated July 11, 2007, as amended on September 1, 2007 (SPA) and the Agreement for the Acquisition of Lands dated June 19, 2007
 - Additional equity investment in Basic Ecomarket Farms, Inc. which is undertaking the cassava project in the Zamboanga peninsula up to Php9.0 million and approval of the revised business plan for 2009-2013
 - Appointment of Mr. Eduardo V. Manalac as director of the Corporation and its subsidiaries and membership to the Finance and Investments Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee
 - Authority of Management to advise the Corporation's external counsel, Romulo Mabanta Buenaventura Sayoc Delos Angeles (RMBSA), to pursue arbitration proceedings for the settlement of the Corporation's claim for payment of the historical cost recoveries on the assets sold to Forum Energy Plc under the Sale and Purchase Agreement dated April 3, 2006, and such other legal actions or remedies as may be recommended by RMBSA.
 - Amendments to the Memorandum of Agreement with Ecomarket Farms, Inc (EMF) executed last August 8, 2008 and the Deed of Assignment of Project and Property Rights both dated November 23, 2008 for the acquisition of the cassava project of EMF in Tungawan, Zamboanga City, excluding certain assets from the properties to be acquired under said agreements

- Approval of the budget for the Controlled Source Magneto-Telluric (CSMT) survey totalling Php2,184,480.00 and the engagement of Mr. Asahi Hatori, as consultant for the CSMT survey to be conducted for the Mabini, Batangas Geothermal Energy Project
- Approval for the grant of Christmas bonuses to officers and employees of the corporation equivalent to 35% to 50% respectively, of their monthly salaries
- Approval of the salary adjustments of the officers and employees of the corporation effective January 2010
- Reduction of per diems of directors from Php7,500.00 to Php5,000 per Board meeting attended and Php2,500 per Board/Management Committee meeting attended, which were subsequently increased to Php5,500.00 and Php2,750.00, respectively, effective January 2010
- Approval of the 2010 Budget for general and administrative expenses
- Approval of the Corporation's Revised Manual on Corporate Governance, in pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Memorandum Circular No. 6 Series of 2009
- Authority of Management to sell the remaining Forum Energy Plc shares held by the Corporation up to 786,259 shares to Philex Petroleum Corporation at 65 pence per share and 40,000 shares at the prevailing market price at the London Stock Market, and to retain 40,000 shares
- Approval of the schedule of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the corporation on Friday, June 18, 2010 at 2:00pm at Manila Golf and Country Club
- Approval for issuance of the 2009 Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the Corporation and its subsidiaries
- Authority of Management to advise the Corporation's external counsel, Romulo Mabanta Buenaventura Sayoc Delos Angeles (RMBSA) to pursue its claim against Forum Energy Plc (Forum) for its share on the historical cost recoveries (HCR) that it is entitled to received under the Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) executed between Forum Energy Plc and Basic Consolidated, Inc. (now Basic Energy Corporation) dated April 3, 2008.
- Other acts which will be summarized in the list of resolutions adopted/actions taken by the Board during the period to be furnished to all stockholders of the Corporation.

(d) Election of the Members of the Board of Directors including Independent Directors for the ensuing year;

(e) Appointment of External Auditors for the fiscal year 2010; and

(f) Extension of the exercise period under the stock option plan approved by the stockholders on July 11, 2007 from July 12,2010 to July 11, 2013.

ITEM XV - MATTERS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED

There are no matters to be taken up at the annual meeting of stockholders which are not required to be submitted for stockholders' vote or approval.

ITEM XVI – AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

There are no proposed amendments to the Amended Articles of Incorporation and Amended By-laws of the Corporation for stockholders' approval at the annual meeting of stockholders.

ITEM XVII - OTHER PROPOSED ACTIONS

There are no other proposed actions to be submitted for stockholders' approval at the annual meeting of stockholders:

ITEM XVIII - VOTING PROCEDURES

(a) VOTE REQUIRED

Motions in general require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of the Corporation's common stock present and/or represented and entitled to vote in the annual meeting of stockholders.. There are no items that will require the affirmative vote of at least two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the outstanding and issued capital stock of the Corporation.

(b) ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In the election of directors, every stockholder entitled to vote shall be allowed to accumulate his vote in accordance with the provisions of law. For this year's election, the top eleven (11) nominees with the most number of votes will be declared as the elected directors. If the number of the nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected, all the shares present or represented at the meeting will be cast in favor of the nominees. If the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected, voting will be done by ballot.

(c) METHOD OF COUNTING VOTES

Counting of votes will be done by the Corporate Secretary (or his authorized representatives) with the assistance of the representatives of the independent auditors and stock transfer agent of the Corporation. All votes attaching to the shares of common stock owned by stockholders whose proxies were received by the Corporation will be cast in accordance with the instructions given or authority granted under the proxies.

ATTACHMENTS

The attachments to this Information Statement consist of the Proxy Form, the Corporation's 2009 Management Report, the 2009 Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the Corporation and SEC Form 17-Q covering the Interim Financial Statements of the Corporation as of March 31, 2010.

The Corporation will provide without charge each person solicited, on the written requirement of any such person, a copy of the Corporation's Annual Report for 2009 (SEC Form 17-A). Such written request should be directed to the:

Corporate Secretary
Basic Energy Corporation
7th Floor, Basic Petroleum Bldg.
104 C. Palanca St., Legaspi Village
Makati City

Copies of resolutions of the Board of Directors, since the date of the 2008 Annual Stockholders' Meeting, are available for examination during office hours at the office of the Corporate Secretary.

PART II

SOLICITATION INFORMATION

ITEM I - IDENTIFICATION

BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION, IN ITS BEHALF, IS SOLICITING PROXIES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 18, 2010, 2:00 P.M. AT THE MANILA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, HARVARD ROAD, FORBES BARK, MAKATI CITY.

ITEM II - INSTRUCTIONS

- a) The proxy form attached to this Information Statement shall be used, signed by the stockholder concerned, and need not be notarized. The proxy shall be executed in favour of the Chairman of the Board or in his absence, the Secretary of the meeting.
- b) The proxy for a stockholder which is a corporation or a partnership should be executed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation or partnership and must be accompanied by a Corporate Secretary's Certificate quoting the Board or Partners' resolution or extracts thereof authorizing the said corporate officer to execute said proxy.
- c) Executors, administrators, receivers and other legal representatives duly appointed by the court may attend and vote on behalf of the stockholders, without need of any written proxy, provided a copy of the court appointment shall be presented to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation.
- d) The proxy form for shares of stock owned jointly shall be signed by all owners and for shares owned in an "and/or" capacity, by any one of the owners.
- e) Proxy form executed abroad shall be duly authenticated by the Philippine embassy or consular office in that state or country.
- f) Proxies should be submitted to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation on or before 3:00 p.m. of June 3, 2010.
- g) The Committee of Inspectors designated by the Board of Directors shall validate the proxies on June 10, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. at the principal office of the Corporation, and any stockholder, in person or through counsel, may be present during the validation of proxies. The proxy rules under the SEC implementing rules SRC No. 20 (11) (b) shall govern all proxy issues raised during the validation process.

ITEM III - REVOCABILITY OF PROXY

A stockholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke it by a written instrument at any time before the right granted is exercised. A proxy is also considered revoked if the stockholder attends the meeting in person and expresses his intention to vote in person.

ITEM IV- PERSON MAKING THE SOLICITATION

The solicitation of proxies is being undertaken by the Corporation in order to obtain the required quorum and the required vote to approve the matters to be taken up at the annual meeting of stockholders. The Corporation has not received any written information by any director of any intention to oppose any action intended to be taken up by the Corporation in the annual meeting of stockholders.

The Corporation intends to utilize couriers and messengers and the services of the Philippine Post Office to undertake the personal delivery of the proxy statements and proxy forms. Costs will be limited to the normal costs of such services and mailing, estimated at about Php250,000.00 and will be shouldered by the Corporation.

ITEM V - INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

No director or officer of the Corporation or nominee for election as director, or officer of the Corporation, or past director or officer of the Corporation at anytime since the beginning of the last fiscal year, and to the best knowledge of the Corporation, no associate of a director or officer or nominee for election as director or officer of the Corporation has any substantial interest, direct or indirect, by security holdings or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, other than the election to office as directors of the incumbent directors and the extension of the exercise period for the Corporation's stock and option plan.

PART III

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, and after reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, on behalf of the Corporation, we certify that the information set forth in this report is true, complete and correct. This report is signed in the City of Makati on April 29, 2010.



OSCAR L. DE VENECIA, JR.
President & COO



MARIETTA V. VILLAFUERTE
Treasurer



CORAZON M. BEJASA
Corporate Secretary

PROXY FORM
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING
 June 18, 2010 – 2:00 P.M.
 MANILA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
 Harvard Road, Forbes Park, Makati City

The undersigned stockholder of **BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION** (the "Corporation"), hereby appoints, names and constitutes _____ or, in his absence, the Chairman of the Board of the Corporation, as proxy to represent and vote all shares registered in the name of the undersigned at the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of Corporation scheduled on June 18, 2010, at 2:00 P.M., and any postponements or adjournment(s) thereof, and hereby ratifying and confirming any and all action taken by said proxy on matters which may properly come before such meeting or its postponements or adjournment(s) thereof. In particular, the undersigned hereby directs the proxy to vote the shares on the following agenda items in the manner indicated below, or if not so indicated, the proxy shall exercise full discretion in acting thereon.

AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION			
	Approve	Disapprove	Abstain	
1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 30, 2009 Meeting				
2. Notation of the 2009 Annual Report				
3. Ratification of all acts of the Board and Management for 2009				
4. Election of Directors				Authority to Vote Withheld
Oscar C. De Venecia				
Francis C. Chua				
Ramon L. Mapa				
Oscar L. De Venecia, Jr.				
Ma. Florina M. Chan				
Eduardo V. Manalac				
Jaime J. Martinez				
Gabriel R. Singson, Jr.				
Isidoro O. Tan				
Dennis D. Decena (Independent Director)				
Oscar S. Reyes (Independent Director)				
5. Appointment of SGV & Co. as External Auditor				
6. Extension of Exercise Period of SOP				

The above-named nominees were screened and pre-qualified in accordance with the Corporation's Code of Corporate Governance and SEC Circular No. 16, Series of 2002.

Signed this ____ of June, 2010 at _____.

 Name of Stockholder

 Signature of Authorized Signatory

Notes:

- (a) All proxies for the meeting should be received by the Corporate Secretary on or before June 3, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.
- (b) The proxy for a stockholder which is a corporation or a partnership should be executed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation or partnership and must be accompanied by a Corporate Secretary's Certificate quoting the Board or Partners' resolution or extracts thereof authorizing the said corporate officer to execute said proxy.

(THIS PROXY IS BEING SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION)

2009 MANAGEMENT REPORT
BUSINESS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

PART I. BUSINESS

(A) Description of Business

(1) Business Development

The Company was organized initially as Basic Enterprises, Inc., a stock corporation, on September 19, 1968 and became an oil and gas exploration and development company on April 26, 1971. A year after, it assumed a new name, Basic Petroleum and Minerals, Inc. Over the years, the Company evolved from an operating company into a holding company under the corporate name, Basic Consolidated, Inc. As a holding company, it held equity investments in the following wholly owned subsidiaries: Basic Petroleum & Minerals Inc., an oil and gas exploration and mining company, Basic Diversified Industrial Holdings, Inc., an investment holding company, iBasic, Inc., an information technology management company and service integrator, and in Southwest Resources, Inc., an oil exploration company, which is owned 72.58% by the Company. To date, the Company has two additional wholly owned subsidiaries: Basic Biofuels Corporation, which is into the development of biofuels and Basic Ecomarket Farms, Inc., which is into agriculture, focusing initially on cassava development and production.

On the Company's oil and gas business, the Company is presently a party, together with other oil exploration companies, in the exploration, development and production of contract areas in Service Contract 47 in offshore Mindoro and Service Contract 53 in onshore Mindoro. Through its subsidiary, Southwest Resources, Inc., the Company is involved in Service Contract 41 in the Sulu Sea.

In 2006, the Company adopted a rationalization program for its equity investments by disposing investments in subsidiaries in exchange for cash and asset values to generate funds for the investments of the Company in its oil and gas projects and other viable businesses, and by winding down the operations of subsidiaries and affiliates affecting the Company's bottom line. In line with this rationalization program, on April 3, 2006, the Company entered into a Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) covering the sale of the entire interest in its wholly owned subsidiary, Basic Petroleum & Minerals, Inc. (BPMI) to Forum Energy Plc (FEP), for a total consideration of US\$ 17,000,000.00. Of this amount, US\$ 5,000,000 was in cash and FEP shares and US\$12,000,000 was payable upon FEP's utilization of the historical cost recoveries of BPMI and upon oil production by FEP in excess of 5,420,000 barrels. By April, 2007, the Company received full payment and delivery of the first tranche of US\$ 5,000,000.00. The amount of US\$ 12,000,000.00 shall be due upon FEP's utilization of the historical cost recovery accounts of BPMI and the productivity of the service contracts that are part of the sale of BPMI. As of November 30, 2009, the Company has a receivable of about US \$1.24 Million from FEP based on the Nido and Matinloc liftings from April, 2006 up to November, 2009, as reported by FEP. This claim is the subject to arbitration proceedings being handled for the Company by its external counsel.

On November 27, 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission approved the Company's change in corporate name from Basic Consolidated, Inc. to Basic Petroleum Corporation and its equity restructuring involving the following: (a) the reduction of the par value of the Company's shares from Php1.00 to Php0.25; (b) the reduction of the amount of its capital stock from Php2 Billion to Php 500 Million, retaining the same number of shares at 2,000,000,000 shares. One major effect of this quasi-reorganization was the creation of a reduction surplus, which was used to wipe out the deficits of the Company, as of December 31, 2005, as of April 30, 2006 and as of

December 31, 2006. This equity restructuring paved the way for a stronger balance sheet designed to attract new investors into the Company and for the transformation of the Company into a more dynamic institution that will include among its endeavors, the development and production of alternative fuels and renewable energy resources.

On July 12, 2007, the shareholders of the Company approved the inclusion among its primary purposes the production of ethanol and other biofuels, and the development of renewable energy resources. *In line therewith*, the Company changed its corporate name from Basic Petroleum Corporation to Basic Energy Corporation. The Company's Amended Articles of Incorporation embodying the expansion of its primary and secondary purposes, the change of its corporate name to Basic Energy Corporation, and the various amendments to its by-laws were approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 10, 2007.

The Company subsequently planned for a follow-on offering of its shares to raise funds for the integrated ethanol plant of the Company and for its oil and gas and other energy projects. With the support of both new and existing investors who contributed to the minimum required 25% paid-up capital for a Php2 Billion capital increase, the Company increased its authorized capital stock from Php500 Million consisting of 2 Billion shares to Php2.5 Billion consisting of 10 Billion shares. This capital increase was approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 13, 2007. In view, however, of the weak market conditions which began at the end of 2007 and which continued to prevail in 2008, the Company decided to defer its follow-on offering for a year or until economic conditions improve or upon issuance of the Company's Environmental Clearance Certification for the ethanol project. The deferment was approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 10, 2008.

With the corporate framework in place for its various projects, the Company considered expanding its business horizons by embarking in the development and production of the biofuel – ethanol, and other alternative fuels and renewable energy resources. On July 10, 2007, the Company acquired Zambo Norte Bioenergy Corporation (ZNBC), a company undertaking a planned integrated ethanol production plant in Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte, and the development of a dedicated sugarcane farm covering approximately 10,000 hectares of leased lands in Gutalac, Labason and Kalawit, Zamboanga del Norte. Under the covering Share Purchase Agreement dated July 10, 2007 and the Amendment to the said Agreement dated September 11, 2007, the consideration for the Company's acquisition of ZNBC consisted of a cash component of Php10.82 Million, which has already been paid, and shares of the Company worth Php53.18 Million priced at Php0.44 per share. On November 23, 2007, the Securities and Exchange Commission approved the change in name of ZNBC to Basic Biofuels Corporation (BBC).

Through BBC, the Company commenced the preparation and development of the sugarcane farm component of the integrated ethanol plant, starting with a nursery for the propagation of sugarcane at the plant site located in Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte, with an area of approximately 22 hectares. In August, 2008, however, the Company decided to develop initially cassava, over sugarcane, as the feedstock for its planned ethanol plant. The Company then decided to undertake a cassava project in the Zamboanga peninsula with the acquisition of the cassava project of Ecomarket Farms, Inc. in Zamboanga Sibugay and Zamboanga City. For this purpose, Basic Ecomarket Farms, Inc. (BEF) was established as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, with an authorized capital stock of Php50 Million and an initial paid up capital of Php20 Million, and Ecomarket Farms, Inc. was engaged to manage the cassava project. In line therewith, the ethanol plant project was deferred while the capability of BEF to produce the cassava feedstock as required by the planned ethanol project is being developed. In the meantime, the Company continues to look for strategic and financial investors or partners for the planned ethanol project.

On July 10, 2008, the Department of Energy awarded to the Company the service contract for the exploration and development of geothermal energy at Mabini, Batangas. A Controlled Source Magneto-Telluric Survey covering 3,481 hectares in the area had been conducted and completed on March 8, 2010. The data obtained from the survey is presently being processed with the objective of establishing the geothermal resource and the exploration drilling site. The Company is in discussions with prospective investors for a possible participation in the project.

On August 28, 2008, the Company led a consortium to undertake a feasibility study on the San Mateo Landfill project for the purpose of transforming the dumpsite into an alternative energy source. Certain studies had been conducted, however, in 2009, the Company decided not to pursue the project, in line with its plan to focus on the cassava development project. The Company is in discussions with prospective investors for the assignment of the studies undertaken on the project.

The Company continues to look for business opportunities for the development of alternative fuels and renewable energy, such as bio-diesel production, biomass to power projects and other areas with good business potentials, as it continues to pursue its core business in the oil and gas exploration and development.

(2) Business of the Company and its Subsidiaries

Oil and Gas Operations

The Company and its subsidiary, Southwest Resources, Inc. (SWR), are involved in various oil exploration and development activities. The Company is presently a party together with other oil exploration companies (the consortium), through the Department of Energy, in the exploration, development and exploitation of the contract areas in Service Contract 47 in offshore Mindoro and Service Contract 53 in onshore Mindoro. Through its subsidiary, SWR, the Company is involved in Service Contract 41 in the Sulu sea.

Service Contract 41 (Sandakan Basin)

Service Contract 41 (SC 41) was issued to the Consortium on May 10, 1996. It is adjacent to the Malaysia-Philippine border within the Sandakan Basin. The contract area is 8,324 sq. km. and covers almost the deepwater areas of the Sandakan shelf.

The search for oil and gas in the Service Contract resulted in the acquisition of 2,496 sq. km. of 3D seismic data and 2,000 km. of 2D seismic data, and the drilling of 5 exploration wells. The exploration efforts were encouraging as sub-commercial oil and gas deposits were encountered by the exploration wells. A recent technical review of the area has resulted in the identification of drilling prospects that could be considered for drilling and as delivery of work commitments to the Department of Energy. The estimated recoverable reserves of the prospects and leads range from 50 Million barrels to 210 Million barrels.

The current operator of the Service Contract, Tap Oil Ltd. (Tap), farmed-in in SC 41 in July, 2006 and had a 70% participation in the block. In October 2006, Salamander Oil Ltd. joined the Service Contract and was assigned a 35% interest. Tap completed the acquisition of 600 sq. km. of 3D seismic and is geared to commit to drill a well before the end of Contract Year 10 scheduled on May 10, 2008. On July 19, 2008, the consortium drilled the Lumba Lumba-1 well using the semi-submersible rig *Transocean Legend*. The well was re-spudded on July 27, 2008 15 m to the west of the previous location due to some technical difficulties. The Lumba-Lumba 1A drilled through the primary objectives of the prospect with elevated gas readings recorded but there were no reservoir quality rocks encountered. Tap believes that SC41 still has significant untested prospectivity as Lumba Lumba-1A tested only one play type of several identified prospects. The block has an inventory of nearly 20 leads and prospects covered by 3D data. Drilling operations

are being considered after thorough evaluation works. The reprocessing work was expected to be completed in July, 2010. The report identified exploration targets incorporating the Lumba-Lumba well results, and showed potentials of the area to host commercial hydrocarbons.

On October 3, 2008, the Department of Energy approved Tap's request for a two year extension on the SC 41 term. Under the extension, the consortium will have until May 2010 before it commits to drill a well. The term will be automatically extended up to May 2011 upon the consortium's notification of the progress of the 3D processing.

On June 18, 2009, Tap sought for farm-in partners due to the increasing costs of drilling exploratory wells, and in this regard, the Cost Recovery Agreement is being finalized among the consortium partners.

The Company, through its subsidiary, Southwest Resources Inc., has a 0.608% interest, and will pay participation cost on a pro-rata basis.

Service Contract 47 (Offshore Mindoro)

Service Contract 47 (SC 47) was awarded on January 10, 2005 to PNOC EC and Petronas Carigali (Petronas) after the consortium decided to convert GSEC 100 to a Service Contract. Petronas holds an 80% stake as operator while PNOC-EC owns the remaining 20% stake. Upon Petronas' withdrawal in 2007 prior to entry to sub-phase 2, PNOC-EC interest became 97% with Petroenergy at 2% and the Company at 1%.

SC 47 covers originally 14,667 sq. km and is located within the Northwest Palawan Micro-Continental Block (NPMCB). The NPMCB is the only area in the Philippines where there is oil and gas and includes the Nido Oilfield, Matinloc Oilfield and the Malampaya Gasfield, all in the northwest Palawan area. SC 47 has been the site of the first significant oil discovery outside the proven petroleum province of offshore northwest Palawan. PNOC-EC drilled the Maniguin-2 well on the island of Maniguin in 1994. This well flowed sub-commercial quantities of oil and proved the existence of a valid petroleum system in the area.

The highly encouraging results of the Maniguin drilling have prompted PNOC-EC to pursue additional evaluation studies, including the acquisition of 2D and 3D seismic data. The results of the evaluation studies have shown prospects with reserves ranging from 10 Million barrels to 600 Million barrels recoverable oil.

Petronas spudded a well on August 31, 2007 to test the potential of the Kamia prospect. The drilling of the Kamia-1 well is part of the work program committed to the Department of Energy that involves the drilling of an exploratory well. The consortium will have the option to conduct more drilling by committing to the succeeding contract year. A US\$ 40MM development cost in shallow water was anticipated, however, Petronas decided to withdraw from the service contact prior to entry to Subphase 2.

On April 16, 2008, the DOE approved the requested 6 months extension to decide on entering Sub Phase 2 (Contract Years 3 and 4). The extension period was from January 10, 2008 to June 10, 2008 and reduced the term of the Sub Phase 2 by six months. Under the extension period, the consortium committed to complete the Kamia-1 Post Well Evaluation and map the area to be relinquished prior to making the decision to enter Sub Phase 2.

During 2009, the Company along with its partners, continued exploration efforts in the service contract. The DOE approved the seismic program commitment under sub-phase 2 (January 2008 to January 2010) The 2D seismic survey was carried out by CGG Veritas from August 19-29, 2009 covering a total of 1,091.6 kms at a cost of US \$ 637,416.67. The seismic data are to be processed by Fairchild and interpretation works are expected to be completed by the middle of 2010.

On August 14, 2009, the DOE approved the relinquishment of 25% of the original area of the service contract, reducing the area to 1,098,000 hectares, where the islands of Caluya, Sibay and Semirara were retained.

The consortium is presently in discussions with the DOE on Coal Bed Methane development in the Semirara island, maintaining that the consortium has the right to explore and develop all gas resources in the service contract area. The DOE has yet to issue the guidelines on the matter..

Service Contract 53 (Onshore Mindoro)

Service Contract 53 (SC53) was awarded on July 8, 2005. It covers 6,600 sq. km. of the onshore areas of Mindoro Island which is within the North Palawan Micro-Continental Block. The operator of the block is Laxmi Organic Industries Ltd. (Laxmi) with a 70% interest and members of the consortium and their respective interests include the Company-3%, Philodrill-22% and Anglo-Philippines- 7%.

Past exploration efforts in SC 53 included the acquisition of 2,000 kilometers of 2D seismic data and the drilling of 4 exploration wells. Three of the 4 wells encountered oil and gas but were considered non-commercial at the time of their drilling.

Laxmi conducted a geochemical survey of the area previously identified through seismic and geological interpretation. The results were found inconclusive. The consortium entered into a Farm-In Agreement with Pitkin Petroleum Ltd. (Pitkin). The Deed of Assignment of Laxmi's interest in SC 53 in favor of Pitkin was signed on March 21, 2008 and was approved by the Department of Energy on June 11, 2008. Under the Farm-In Agreement, Pitkin would carry the parties on the acquisition of 2D seismic at a cost of US\$ 1.5 Million.

Pitkin Petroleum has completed a magneto-telluric in onshore Mindoro and in April, 2009, the DOE approved the 1 year extension of Subphase 1. Pitkin Petroleum awarded the 2D seismic acquisition contract to BCG, a Chinese geophysical contractor, which started on November 3, 2009. The 2D seismic is designed to delineate and assess the hydrocarbon potential of the Progreso-1X in San Jose, Mindoro Occidental and the Sablayan, Mindoro Occidental.

The DOE has recently approved the further extension of Subphase 1 to March, 2011 for the conduct of geological and geophysical studies and interpretation of the 2D seismic data, which is estimated to cost US\$4.5 Million, and the drilling of two wells between 2011 to 2012, the cost of which is estimated at US\$ 2 Million.

The Company has a carried-free interest of 3.0 % in the 2D seismic acquisition program.

Renewable Energy (Geothermal Energy)

Mabini, Batangas Geothermal Service Contract

The Mabini, Batangas Geothermal Service Contract was signed and awarded to the Company on July 10, 2008. The contract area is approximately 32.5 square kilometres and covers the Calumpán Peninsula. The contract period is 5 years and subdivided in 3 Phases. Sub Phase 1 (Years 1 and 2) and sub phase 2 (Year 3) minimum work commitments include geological, geophysical and geochemical works that are designed to identify a drilling location and assess the geothermal potential of the contract area. The Company has the option to drill a well or return the Service Contract to the Department of Energy in case there is no technical justification to drill a well.

Exploration and Development History

The Commission on Volcanology (COMVOL) initiated the detailed geoscientific investigation of the Mabini, Batangas geothermal prospect in the late 1970's. A shallow well was drilled in Santo Tomas, Batangas in 1981 with a depth of 304m and maximum temperature of 118°C. Succeeding surveys commenced in the 1980's, this time led by PNOC-EDC. Geological and geochemical surveys were conducted in 1981 and a more detailed geoscientific study was completed in 1988. Based on Geothermal Model and Resource Potential from PNOC- EDC's latest assessment, Mabini, Batangas is an intermediate-temperature geothermal resource with reservoir temperature of at least 180°C. It was postulated that the upflowing neutral-pH alkali chloride fluids are associated with the Pleistocene Mt. Binanderahan volcanics. Hot fluids outflow toward Mainit to the south, while it flows to Santo Tomas, Batangas at the west and to the east section of the area. It is envisaged that this prospect is suitable for direct utilization for binary system power generation.

Current Status

The Company has secured the commitments of the Local Government Units which indicated support to the project. The Certificate of Non Coverage was issued by the Environmental Management Bureau on March 25, 2009 and the Certificate of Non Overlap from the National Commission on Indigenous People was issued on April 15, 2009.

The Company is in the process of conducting the first stage of the exploration program consisting of geophysical and geological surveys covering 3,481 hectares in the Calumpan Peninsula, Mabini, Batangas. A Controlled Source Magneto-Telluric Survey covering the area had been conducted and completed on March 8, 2010. The data obtained from the survey is presently being processed by a Japanese consultant, with the objective of establishing the geothermal resource and the exploration drilling site in the area.

The Company has completed due diligence studies and preliminary technical data collection, collation and re-evaluation as part of its commitment under sub-phase 1 (Years 1 and 2) of the work program committed with the DOE. Initial assessments disclosed that the area has a good potential for a 20-megawatts capacity and could be developed within a 2-year period considering the existence of adequate infrastructure, adjacency to transmission lines and a strong power demand in the area.

The Company is currently looking for farm-in partners to explore and develop the Mabini, Batangas geothermal area.

Ethanol Project

On July 10, 2007, the Company acquired Zambo Norte Bioenergy Corporation (ZNBC), (now Basic Biofuels Corporation), a corporation undertaking a planned integrated ethanol production plant in Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte, and the development of a dedicated feedstock farm in the neighboring areas. BBC commenced the preparation and development of the feedstock nursery farm component of the ethanol plant, starting with the plant site located in Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte, with an area of approximately 22 hectares. The nursery farm initially propagated various varieties of sugarcane, and had planned to propagate other crops such as cassava and sweet sorghum. In August, 2008, however, the Company decided to initially develop cassava as the preferred feedstock for the planned ethanol plant project. For 2009, the Company will focus on the development of its capability to produce sufficient cassava feedstock to supply its planned ethanol plant through its wholly owned subsidiary, Basic Ecomarket Farms, Inc., while the Company continues to look for strategic and financial investors or partners for the ethanol plant project.

Cassava Project

Following the decision to use cassava as the preferred feedstock for the planned ethanol plant project, the Company entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Ecomarket Farms, Inc. (EMF) for a joint venture project on cassava development and production in the Zamboanga peninsula (the Project). Basic Ecomarket Farms, Inc. (BEF) was subsequently established as the joint venture vehicle for the Project and acquired all the rights and interests of EMF in its cassava project and all the properties and assets thereof located in Tungawan, Zamboanga City, for a total consideration of Php12.5 Million, 10% of which is payable in cash and the balance in shares of stock of the Company.

Basic Ecomarket Farms, Inc. (BEF) has established two nurseries covering a total of 30 hectares in Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte and in Binaloy, Zamboanga City in the latter part of 1998. In 2009, BEF has met its target to plant 300 hectares of cassava farmlands in Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga City. It remains on course to meet its target of planting 600 hectares by the end of 2010 and expanding to 2,000 hectares by 2013. After BEF's initial harvest year of 2010, the Company expects that in 2011, it would have adequate data and resources to determine BEF's capability to produce the feedstock required by the planned ethanol plant project.

BEF was also granted by San Miguel Foods, Inc. an accreditation as an area assembler, securing a stable market for its dried granules. It has recently been registered with the Board of Incentives, on a non-non-pioneer status, as a new producer of dried cassava granules and entitled to income tax holiday and other incentives.

BEF has likewise started commissioning its mechanical dryer, which is capable to dry all the harvests from the managed farms and other wet cassava sold by farmers in the vicinity of its operating areas. The dryer is built in the Gutalac area and has been completed in the first quarter of 2010 in time for the first harvest of BEF.

Risk Management

In the Oil and Gas and Geothermal Operations, the Company is faced with the following risks, in order of importance:

(a) *Probability of Exploration and Development Success.* Oil and gas exploration and geothermal projects are inherently high-risk undertakings. There can be no assurance that the Company's activities will be successful in discovering commercially viable oil and gas reservoirs and/or a viable geothermal resource. Even if an apparently feasible resource is determined, there is no guarantee that it can be economically exploited. Despite the Company's reliance on advanced technology such as 3-D seismic data to improve the probability of success of discovery, oil and gas exploration and geothermal is still a speculative business. Advanced technology, even with the correct interpretation, only assist geologists in identifying subsurface structures and does not ensure the certainty of the presence of hydrocarbons if drilled. Moreover, 3-D seismic data and other advanced technology require higher investments that may result in higher losses, should the drilling prove unsuccessful.

Risk of heavy financial losses if prospects would prove unsuccessful could be mitigated through:

Farm-Out of Interest. A Farm-Out Agreement is a contract whereby a third party agrees to acquire from a licensee an interest in a production license and the corresponding operating agreement for a consideration normally comprising of an undertaking to perform a specified work

obligation in the drilling of one or more wells. Farming out is usually undertaken by the seller of interest as a source for funding or as part of the rationalization of a licensee's interests. The seller may want to dispose of areas or interests which are peripheral to its main operations or in which it has small equity holdings but would take up as much management time as a larger holding.

Spreading Exploration Risks through Joint Ventures in Several Exploration Blocks. Forming alliances and jointly bidding for the development of a range of opportunities in oil and gas exploration and geothermal projects, mitigates exploration risks of a corporation as there is risk-sharing - the cost and responsibilities of drilling and production are spread over a number of entities. Joint ventures also enable companies to free up funds otherwise tied up in a single drilling project and enable these companies to build a portfolio of prospects.

Exploring in Geological Proven Petroleum Areas. The Company has been making investments and will continue to invest in geologically proven petroleum provinces only.

(b) Operating Hazards of Exploratory Drilling Activities and Environmental Risks. Drilling operations may be delayed, curtailed or subjected to operating and technical difficulties. Unexpected drilling conditions, adverse weather conditions, unanticipated pressure or formations, equipment breakdowns, industrial and environmental accidents and other such events may occur which may have adverse effects on the Company's operations and correspondingly on its financial performance and condition. Oil and gas and geothermal exploration and drilling activities will be subject to Philippine environmental laws and regulations. Normal exploration and drilling operations involve certain operating hazards such as explosions, craterings, well blowouts, uncontrollable flows of oil, natural gas or well fluids, releases of toxic gas, accidental leakages, formations with abnormal pressures, fires, pollution and other environmental perils and risks, any of which may subject the Company to extensive liability or loss of assets.

Operating risks in the exploration and development drilling and production phases are generally directly driven by standards in design, procurement and installation, operating procedures and contingency planning. The Company, in its investment evaluation process, considers the presence and implementation of the following measures and strategies to mitigate risk exposures: (i) hiring of technically competent staff that are adept in utilizing state-of-the-art technology and could conduct effective evaluation work; and (ii) ensuring adherence to the various environmental laws and regulations, taking into account not only local but international expectations as well.

(c) Volatility of Oil and Gas Prices and Exchange Rate Risks. Revenues derived from successful exploration and drilling activities depend on the world price of oil. The price of oil is sensitive to minor changes in the global supply and demand conditions, quality of oil, forward selling activities, domestic and foreign government regulations, environmental trends, overall global economic condition and other macroeconomic and political factors that are beyond the Company's control. Furthermore, revenues from drilling activities are pegged to the US dollar, hence, the Company is exposed to exchange rate risks given the volatility of the rate of exchange between the US dollar and Philippine peso.

(d) Government Regulations and Approvals. Government action such as changes in regulations may affect the Company's business and eventual operating and financial performance. Government may limit access to prospective development areas, implement stricter environmental laws to protect human health and the environment, impose higher taxes and royalties, all of which may adversely affect the Company's financial performance.

For the risks mentioned in items (c) and (d) above, these risks could be mitigated through early identification systems of risk exposures to external threats such as changes in government regulations and changes in the geo-political environment of operating locations. The Company

will continue to negotiate oil price agreements with inputs from experts. The Company, as a member of a consortium, adheres to its policy of involving competent technical professionals in the preparation and negotiations of oil price agreements. The Company will also continue to involve competent technical professionals in the preparation and negotiations of power purchase agreements for its geothermal projects.

In the Ethanol Plant and Cassava Project Operations, the Company is faced with the following risks, in order of importance:

The "green field" nature of these projects exposes the Company to start-up risks, to wit:

(a) Since the lands identified for the growing of cassava or even sugarcane or sweet sorghum to be used as feedstock for the ethanol plant have not been planted with these crops on a large scale basis, productivity in terms of amount of crops that can be produced per hectare could be uncertain. To determine the maximum yield per unit area, the Company must establish actual agronomic data on crop yields using a variety of available technologies and farming methodologies. This would require additional investment in land development and preparation, which may affect the Company's development timetable and ultimately, the project's viability.

(b) The Company will depend on a selected equipment and technology provider to design and build the ethanol plant or the drying facilities for the cassava project. The Company has gone through the process of screening the contractors from a list of pre-qualified international technology and equipment suppliers/contractors that would have the technical capabilities, the optimum and most efficient solution and the ability to complete the project in a timely manner and within the approved budget. Failure to forge a binding agreement with the selected EPC contractor and the selected contractor's failure to perform will cause significant delays in the construction of the plant and the projected income of the Company due to the project's operations may not be realized. For the drying facilities for the cassava project, BEF is in the process of evaluating the structure designs and mechanics and will conduct testing of similarly designed or structured drying facilities before adopting or considering the fabrication and installation of the drying facilities for the cassava project.

(c) The Company is in the process of obtaining the necessary permits and consents for the construction and operation of the ethanol plant. Failure to obtain these permits as scheduled may delay operations and materially affect projected income. Considering, however, the deferment of the ethanol plant project, the Company has the time to work on the issuance of such permits and licenses prior to the construction of the planned ethanol plant.

(d) The farm and plant sites may have unknown environmental and topographical, social, security and political problems that may be costly and time consuming to remedy or may be beyond the Company's control to correct.

(e) The Company has no direct experience in ethanol and cassava production, which may result in mis-judgments and operating errors, materially affecting projected profitability.

(f) The Company may fail to finalize critical agreements such as off-take agreements or supply contracts or the final contracts may be unfavorable compared to what the Company envisions these to be. Supply contracts with prospective customers are material basis for projecting revenues and the definitive versions of such agreements may contain terms or conditions that may be significantly different from what were assumed in the project's financial model.

Relative to the management of the risks mentioned in items (d) to (f) above, the Company decided to focus first on the development of its capability to produce the feedstock required by the planned ethanol plant, through its subsidiary, Basic Ecomarket Farms, Inc. The services of Ecomarket Farms, Inc., which had proven experiences in the development, production, drying

and marketing of cassava in Zamboanga City, had been engaged as project manager of the Company's cassava project in the Zamboanga peninsula. The managed farms for the propagation and development of cassava will be gradually increased from 300 hectares in 2009, expanding to 2,000 hectares by 2013, to provide the Company adequate expertise and experience to handle larger plantation areas. BEF has commissioned a study on the security risks in the area and the remedial measures needed to be taken by the Company.

For the ethanol plant, the Company has set as policy to seek out a strategic and financial partner that has a proven track record worldwide in the construction and operation of the ethanol plant. The prospective strategic partner shall co-invest with the Company in the ethanol project, to minimize the Company's risk exposure. The applications for the necessary government permits and clearances have been filed and are in process, and regular follow-ups are being made to ensure that these permits and clearances are being acted upon within the targeted schedules. Finally, agreements in preparation for the off-take arrangements with the major oil companies have already been signed and executed, specifically for the undertaking of the necessary studies for the terms of the definitive off-take arrangements. Seeing through the completion of these studies in time for the operation of the ethanol plant will be undertaken in due time.

(3) Employees

The Company has eighteen (18) officers and employees, of which eight (8) are executive officers, six (6) are assigned as accounting, administrative and support staff and four (4) are assigned for utility and service staff. The Company expects to hire additional personnel in 2010 as technical staff for its various projects. When the Company's planned ethanol plant project is pursued with the entry of strategic and financial funders or investors, project managers, and engineering, technical and other support personnel may be required for the project.

B) Description of Properties.

The Company owns one floor (7th Floor) of the Basic Petroleum Building located at 104 C. Palanca, Jr. St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, consisting of 461 square meters, which the Company uses as its office premises.

The Company and its subsidiaries own several parcels of land located in Bolinao, Pangasinan, containing an aggregate area of 415,895.80 square meters. The property is located approximately 4.3 kilometers southwest from the Bolinao-Bani Provincial Road and is best suited for agro-industrial land development. The Company, through a subsidiary, also owns a major interest (58%) in a real estate property located at Barangay Bolasi, San Fabian, Pangasinan with an aggregate area of 178,634 square meters, beside the San Fabian PTA Beach Resort managed by the Philippine Tourism Authority. The beachfront is suitable for beach resort development while a portion of it is suitable for a residential development. The Company also owns a property located at Tanay, Rizal with an area of 35,000 square meters, near the town proper with good roads and is suitable for residential housing development or for an agricultural farm project.

To date, the Company or its subsidiaries do not have any plan to own additional lands for its various projects.

C) Legal Proceedings

The San Fabian property which is registered in the name of Pan-Phil Aqua Culture Company and which the Company has a majority interest, is the subject of a pending administrative case filed by Pan-Phil Aqua Culture Company against one Warlito Pedral with the Land Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Regional Office No. 1, San Fernando, La Union. The case is docketed as Claim Case No. 01-Pang-101 for the denial of the application for titling of a parcel

land being claimed by said Warlito Pedral, as it falls within 20 meters legal easement or salvage zone of the foreshore area fronting the subject property. The Regional Office-DENR, La Union rendered a decision in favor of Pan-Phil, declaring the contested area as a salvage zone and giving Pan-Phil the preference to file for a lease application over the contested area. The case is now pending appeal with the Office of the Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

On June 5, 2008, the Company declared Forum Energy Plc (Forum) in default for non-payment of the Company's share in the utilization of the historical cost recovery accounts sold to forum under the Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) dated April 3, 2006 covering the sale by the Company of its 100% interest in Basic Petroleum Minerals, Inc. including its participating interests and costs recovery accounts in certain geophysical Survey and Exploration and Service Contracts. The amount due from and unpaid by Forum as of December 31, 2008 is US Dollars: 947,840.49 based on the reports furnished to the Company by Forum on the Nido and Matinloc liftings. As a consequence of said default, the Company served Forum a written notice of declaration of default and automatic termination of the SPA, and as a consequence thereof, all payments made by Forum and the Forum shares delivered to the Company prior to the default are considered forfeited in favor of the Company, without prejudice to any legal recourse that the Company may subsequently take. The case is now pending arbitration with the Ad-Hoc Arbitration Tribunal headed by former Justice Jose Vitug, with former Justice Hector Hofilena, Sr. and Atty. Teodoro Penarroyo as members.

Except for the above proceedings, the Company or its subsidiaries and affiliates are not involved in any pending legal proceeding relative to the other properties or property interests of the Company.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AND PLAN OF OPERATION

(1) Plan of Operation for 2010

Oil and Gas Operations

For 2010, the Company will continue with its business in oil and gas exploration, being a party, together with other oil exploration companies, to service contracts for the exploration, development and exploitation of certain contract areas situated in offshore Mindoro (Service Contract 53) and onshore Mindoro (Service Contract 47). One of its subsidiaries, Southwest Resources, Inc. (SWR) shall continue with its participation in Service Contract 41 covering the Sandakan Basin. The Company together with the consortium members will be undertaking work programs committed to the Department of Energy (DOE).

In Service Contract 41, through the Company's subsidiary, Southwest Resources Inc., a reprocessing of 3D seismic data was approved by the DOE along with two year extension of the term of the service contract. Such reprocessing of data is expected to be completed in mid-2010. The Company is carried free in 2010. In Service Contract 47, the consortium entered the second sub phase of the contract on June 10, 2008. The seismic data are to be processed by Fairchild and interpretation works are expected to be completed by the middle of 2010. The consortium is presently in discussions with the DOE on Coal Bed Methane development in the Semirara island, maintaining that the consortium has the right to explore and develop all gas resources in the service contract area. In Service Contract 53, the DOE has recently approved the further extension of Subphase 1 to March, 2011 for the conduct of geological and geophysical studies and interpretation of the 2D seismic data, which is estimated to cost US\$4.5 Million, and the drilling of two wells from 2011 to 2012, the cost of which is estimated at US\$ 2 Million. The Company is carried free in the 2D seismic program.

The Company's cash requirements for the operations of its oil and gas business for the whole year of 2010 is budgeted at about Php.0.5 Million, which will be adequately funded by its cash and short-term investments. There is no need for the Company to raise additional funds for its existing oil and gas projects, and there is no plan to increase its present manpower staff nor acquire any significant equipment for these projects.

Geothermal Energy Operations

The Company will continue discussions with other companies interested in the exploration and development of geothermal resources for the formation of a consortium to jointly undertake exploration and development activities at the Mabini, Batangas Geothermal area. In the meantime, the necessary exploratory works are being undertaken as a commitment under the service contract approved by the DOE. Once successful exploration and the steam resource is determined, the Company, together with possible investors, will consider setting up a geothermal power plant in the Mabini, Batangas area. Initial assessment of the steam resource in the area is about 20 megawatts. Power from the plant would be sold to the local cooperatives and the Wholesale Electricity Stock Market (WESM).

The Company has allocated a budget of US\$10,000 for 2010, for software and 2D seismic processing and will be funded from the cash and short-term investments of the Company. Subject to positive results of the magneto-telluric survey conducted on the project, the Company plans to raise funds within the next twelve (12) months from strategic or financial investors, or otherwise, pursue its search for farm-in partners in the project. It is expected that at most two (2) additional technical staff will be required if this project proceeds to its next phase of development as committed to the Department of Energy. There is no plan to acquire any significant equipment this year for this project.

Cassava Operations

For 2010, the Company will continue its focus on the development of its capability to produce sufficient cassava feedstock to supply its planned ethanol plant through its wholly owned subsidiary, BEF.

BEF's operations will still be focused in the Zamboanga peninsula, expanding its cassava farmlands from 300 hectares in 2009 to 600 hectares by the end of 2010. The cassava nurseries that have been put up in Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga City covering a total area of 30 hectares will be supplying the planting materials for the expansion farms that will be planted in 2010. The pilot 300 hectares planted in 2009 including the cassavas in the nurseries will also be harvested in 2010. The cassava produced from the farms will be dried, granulated and sold mainly to San Miguel Foods, Inc. and any excess production to other feeds manufacturers.

In the first quarter of 2010, BEF completed the fabrication of its mechanical dryer to be able to dry cassava tubers in large quantities relatively insulated from weather conditions. BEF has commissioned designs for a tailor-fit mechanical dryer suitable for its needs and the available power sources in the area. The first mechanical dryer built is located in Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte and to be largely powered by biomass abundant in the vicinity. BEF is undergoing rehabilitation of a steam dryer/boiler which it acquired last year, which has a larger capacity and will address the dryer requirements of the project, as expanded.

The Company's cash requirement to support the cassava operations of BEF for 2010 is budgeted at Php5.0 Million, which will be adequately funded by its cash and short-term investments. The Company has no plans of raising funds for this cassava development project within the year, but is open to discussions with strategic and/or financial investors for the expansion of this cassava development project and development of a feedstock program for a cassava-based ethanol plant. With such expansion, the increase in manpower requirements will happen at BEF, the Company's subsidiary responsible for this project, the number of which will depend on the extent of expansion and degree of acceleration required for this project by the investors. BEF plans this year to acquire additional farm machineries and equipment such as dump and hauling trucks with a budget of about Php5.0 Million, and which will be funded by its cash and short term investments.

(2) Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for 2009

(a) Full Fiscal Years (Three Years)

2009

For 2009, total assets of the Company stood at Ph 475.796 Million up by PhP1.623 Million compared to 2008's level of PhP474.172 Million. Current assets amounting to PhP122.148 Million were mainly in cash and cash equivalents amounting to PhP100.186 Million which decreased by PhP54.847 Million compared to last year's balance of PhP155.033 Million. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents was mainly due to operating expenses and additional advances booked for the year. Non-current assets amounting to PhP353.648 Million were mainly in investment properties of PhP120.086 Million, project development costs of PhP62.379 Million, available for sale financial assets of PhP44.550 Million which increased significantly by PhP17.557 Million due to the increase in fair value, and property and equipment amounting to PhP44.051 Million. Biological assets representing standing crops of an agricultural activity amounting to PhP22.773 Million were also booked for the year. Deferred exploration costs amounting to PhP36.300 Million increased by PhP4.618 Million compared to last year's balance of PhP31.681 Million due to additional costs recorded for the year. Deferred income tax assets of PhP 15.189 Million increased by PhP6.565 Million over last year's balance of PhP8.624 Million mainly due to the movement in fair value of the financial assets.

Total liabilities of PhP21.393 Million decreased by PhP9.356 Million compared to last year's balance of PhP30.749 Million. Current liabilities were in accounts payable and accrued expenses amounting to PhP4.973 Million which recorded a decrease of PhP10.714 Million from last year's figure of PhP15.687 Million due to the payment of certain liabilities. Non-current liabilities amounted to PhP 16.419 Million which increased by PhP1.358 Million compared to last year's level of PhP30.749 Million. This was due to an increase in deferred income tax liabilities due to fair value adjustments of financial assets which was partly offset by the reversal of accrued retirement benefits resulting from an updated actuarial valuation of the company's pension plan.

Total stockholders' equity stood at PhP454.403 Million composed of capital stock amounting to PhP602.669 Million, additional paid in capital of PhP27.067 Million, deposits for future stock subscriptions of PhP24.386 Million, revaluation increment in office condominium of PhP12.756 Million and net unrealized income on increase in value of financial assets amounting to PhP12.539 Million. These were partly offset, however, by a deficit amounting to PhP225.655 Million. The increases recorded in capital stock and additional paid in capital for the year totaling PhP53.175 Million were due to additional capital stock issued for the year which were recorded as deposit for future subscriptions in 2008 amounting to PhP53.175 Million. Deposits for future subscriptions amounting to PhP24.386 Million decreased by PhP 42.375 Million compared to last year's balance of PhP66.762 Million due to the above stated additional capital stock issuance amounting to PhP53.175 Million which was partly offset by an additional subscription of PhP10.8 Million which has not been issued pending approval of the listing of the shares by the Philippine Stock Exchange.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company posted revenues of PhP9.661 Million mostly in interest on cash and placements and gain on sale of financial assets. Costs and expenses amounted to PhP27.066 Million composed of general and administrative expenses of PhP26.655 Million and foreign exchange loss of PhP0.410 Million. General and administrative expenses significantly decreased by PhP38.0 Million compared to last year, due to certain organizational changes implemented during the 1st quarter of the year by reduction of manpower complement and alignment of salaries, among others, to preserve cash and capital during the current global and local economic downturn. After

deducting provisions for and adding benefit from income tax, the Company recorded a net operating loss of PhP13.348 Million for the year. For 2010, the Company shall continue to monitor its administrative and general expenses, to stay within the approved budget. Including other comprehensive income of unrealized gain on financial assets net of income tax effects thereon amounting to PhP13.527 Million, the Company resulted to a total comprehensive income of PhP179.492 thousand in 2009 compared to a total comprehensive loss of PhP108.789 Million in 2008.

2008

For 2008, total assets of the Company stood at PhP474.172 Million down by PhP 56.191 Million compared to 2007's level of PhP 530.363 Million. Current assets were mainly in cash and cash equivalents amounting to PhP 155.033 Million decreasing by PhP 36.362 Million compared to last year's balance of PhP 191.395 Million mainly due to operating expenses and additional investments booked for the year. Non-current assets were mainly in investment properties amounting to PhP 120.086 Million and project development costs amounting to PhP 63.284 Million. Deferred oil exploration costs amounting to PhP 31.681 Million decreased by PhP 38.200 Million compared to last year's figure of PhP 69.881 Million mainly due to the provision for impairment loss booked for the year. Deferred income tax assets of PhP 8.624 Million likewise, registered a decline of PhP 30.006 Million compared to last year's balance due to the provision for deferred income tax booked for the year.

Total liabilities of PhP 30.749 Million slightly decreased compared to last year's balance of PhP 30.746 Million. Current liabilities were in accounts payable and accrued expenses which for the year amounted to PhP 15.688 Million which increased by PhP 9.616 Million from last year's figure due to a payable for an additional investment. Non-current liabilities totaled PhP 15.062 Million composed of deferred income tax liabilities amounting to PhP 9.854 Million and accrued retirement benefits amounting to PhP 5.297 Million. Deferred income tax liabilities decreased by PhP 13.055 Million due to an adjustment in the tax rate in relation to the companies investment properties. Additional accruals for retirement benefits amounting to PhP 3.441 Million accounted for the increase in this account.

Total stockholders' equity stood at PhP 443.423 Million composed mainly of capital stock amounting to PhP 572.455 Million, deposits for future stock subscriptions of PhP 66.762 Million and revaluation increment in office condominium of PhP 13.916 Million. These were partly offset however by a deficit amounting to PhP 213.543 Million and a net unrealized loss on decrease in value of AFS financial assets amounting to PhP 988 thousand. The increase in deposit on subscriptions amounting to PhP 53.175 Million was due to additional subscriptions which have not been issued pending approval of the listing of the shares by the Philippine Stock Exchange.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company posted revenues of PhP 13.433 Million mostly in interest on cash and placements, gain on sale of financial assets, and foreign exchange gain. Costs and expenses amounted to PhP 103.540 Million composed of general and administrative expenses amounting to PhP 64.666 Million and provision for impairment losses on deferred oil exploration costs and financial assets totalling to PhP 38.874 Million. These, after deducting provision for income tax resulted to a net loss for the year of PhP 108.576 Million.

2007

For 2007, total assets of the Company stood at PhP 530.363 Million up by PhP 87.786 Million compared to 2006. Current assets were composed mainly of cash and cash equivalents which registered a significant increase of PhP 160.210 Million compared to last year's PhP 31.185 Million. Non-current assets were mostly in investment properties amounting to PhP 120.086 Million which showed a slight increase of PhP4.159 Million from last year due to revaluation. Available for sale financial assets (AFS) significantly dropped to PhP35.429 Million from last year's figure of PhP 156.028 Million mainly because

of the provision for impairment of Forum Energy Plc Corp. (FEP) shares held by the Company. The year also recorded deferred tax asset of PhP 38.630 Million pertaining to the income tax effect on the impairment provision on said FEP shares and the revaluation increment on the Company's office condominium unit, and an intangible asset of PhP8.0 Million in relation to the acquisition of lands in preparation for its ethanol project.

Total liabilities of the Company amounted to PhP30.746 Million, of which PhP22.909 Million was deferred income tax liabilities representing the income tax effect on the fair value adjustments of the Company's investment properties.

Total stockholder's equity amounted to PhP499.617 Million mainly composed of Capital Stock amounting to PhP572.455 Million and a deficit of PhP104.494 Million. Capital stock recorded an increase of PhP197.614 Million due to additional subscriptions in connection with the SEC approved increase in authorized capital stock. The deficit recorded for the year of PhP104.494 Million dropped significantly by PhP227.399 Million from last year's figure mainly due to the SEC approved equity restructuring which applied outstanding reduction surplus of PhP358.615 Million and additional paid-in capital of PhP14.782 Million against deficit.

On February 22, 2007, the Parent Company applied for equity restructuring to apply the outstanding reduction surplus of PhP358.615 Million and additional paid-in capital of PhP 14.782 Million against deficit as of April 30, 2006 of PhP373.397 Million. The application was approved by the SEC on March 23, 2007.

On November 13, 2007, the SEC approved the Parent Company's increase in authorized capital stock from PhP500 Million divided into 2 billion shares with the par value of PhP0.25 each, to PhP2.5 billion divided into 10 billion shares with the par value of PhP0.25 each. Accordingly, of the said increase in authorized capital stock, PhP500 Million consisting of 2 billion shares have been subscribed, and more than 25% thereof amounting to PhP134.375 Million have been paid in cash to the Parent Company on October 2, 2007. The deposit for future stock subscription was equivalent to 54,345,344 shares at PhP0.25 par value per share as of December 31, 2007 and 39,623,907 shares at PhP1.00 par value per share as of December 31, 2006 have not been included.

On April 4, 2007, the Company entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with ZN Biofuels Partners, Inc. for the acquisition of the latter's ownership and interests in Zambo Norte Bioenergy Company (ZNBC), a domestic Company established and organized to embark in the development and production of biofuels and other alternative and renewable energy. The acquisition was approved by the Board of Directors and the Company's stockholders during its annual stockholders' meeting held on July 12, 2007. Based on the agreement, full recognition in the Company's books of the acquisition shall be upon compliance of certain deliverables from both buyer and seller.

(b) Interim Period- First Quarter, 2010 (Unaudited as of March 31, 2010)

For the quarter ending March 31, 2010, Total Assets stood at PhP475.320 Million, Total Liabilities at PhP17.391 Million and Stockholders' Equity at PhP457.929 Million, with minority interest comprising PhP 0.634 Million.

Total Revenues for the 1st quarter of 2010 was reported at PhP23.524 Million, while Total Costs and Expenses amounted to PhP7.366 Million, resulting to a Net Income after tax on a consolidated basis of PhP15.717 Million. Realized gain on sale of Available for Sale (AFS) financial assets of PhP 22.337 Million made up the bulk of revenues for the quarter. Total Cost and Expenses for the quarter was mainly composed of general and administrative expenses recorded at PhP6.042 Million.

(c) Key Performance Indicators

The following table shows the top Key Performance indicators for the past three (3) years:

Key Performance Indicators	Year 2009	Year 2008	Year2007
Return on Investment (ROI) (Net Income / Ave. Stockholders' Equity)	-2.973%	-23.03%	-32.44%
Net Profit Margin (Net Income / Net Revenue)	-138.17%	-808.29%	-1,181.35%
Investment in Projects (Non-Petroleum) (As a % of Total Assets)	38.35%	38.67%	22.64%
Investment in Wells and Other Facilities (As a % of Total Assets)	7.63%	6.68%	13.18%
Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)	24.56:1	11.32:1	38.13:1
Asset Turnover (Net Revenue / Average Total Assets)	2.034%	2.67%	2.57%

ROI (Net Income/Average Stockholders' Equity) measures the profitability of stockholders' investment. Profit Margin (Net Income/Net Revenue) measures the net income produced by each peso of revenue. Investment in Projects as a % of Total Assets, measures how much the Company invested in its committed work programs. Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities) measures the short-term debt paying ability of the Company. Asset Turnover (Net Revenue/Average Total Assets) measures how efficiently assets are used to produce profit.

ROI (-2.973%) and Profit Margin (-138.17%) show both negative rates due to operating losses during the year 2009, primarily due to the general and administrative expenses and other costs and expenses which exceed revenues for the year.

Investment in Non-Petroleum Projects as a % of Total Assets of 38.35% in 2009 slightly decreased by 0.32% compared to 38.67% in 2008 due to minor adjustments recorded in 2009.

Investment in Wells and Other Facilities as a % of Total Assets increased from 6.68% in 2008 to 7.63% in 2009 due to additional costs booked in 2009.

The Company's investments in Wells and Other Facilities include the exploration, development and exploitation of the contract areas situated in offshore and onshore Mindoro (SC 47, Offshore Mindoro and SC 53, Onshore Mindoro). Another service contract, SC 41 is tied up with Tap Oil, an Australian Company that will test the hydrocarbon potential of the service area.

Current ratio increased to 24.56:1 in 2009 from 11.32:1 in 2008 due to the decline in both current assets and current liabilities in 2009 compared to 2008.

Asset Turnover in 2009 slightly decreased to 2.034% compared to 2.67% in 2008 due to the decrease in both revenue and average total asset base in 2009 compared to 2008.

There are no known events or trends that will affect or trigger direct or contingent financial obligations on the part of the Company or will result in any default or acceleration of an obligation of the Company.

There are no material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements or obligations, including contingent obligations of the Company with unconsolidated entities or other persons created in 2009.

(d) Comparative Analysis

First Quarter of 2010 (Interim Unaudited) vs. Fiscal Year 2009 Results of Operations

Total Assets as of end March 2010 stood at PhP475.320 Million, down by PhP0.476 Million compared to end December 2009 level of PhP475.796 Million. The decrease was due primarily to the sale of a substantial portion of our investment in AFS financial assets, which reduced our Investments account by PhP40.134 Million, the balance of which closed at PhP4.416 Million as of end March 2010 compared to the balance as of end December 2009 of PhP44.550 Million. This decrease in Investments was partly offset by the increase in our Cash and Placements amounting to PhP34.289 Million which closed at PhP134.475 Million as of end of March 2010 from PhP100.186 Million as of end of December 2009.

Total Liabilities decreased by PhP4.002 Million settling at PhP17.391 Million as of end March 2010 compared to PhP21.393 Million as of end December 2009. The decrease was primarily due to the decrease in deferred tax liabilities of PhP5,147 Million due the realized gain from the sale of our financial assets.

Stockholders' Equity as of end March 2010 increased by PhP3.526 Million and closed at PhP 457.929 Million from the December 2009 level of PhP454.403 Million attributable mainly to the Net Income recorded for the quarter ending March 2010 which was partly offset by the decrease in unrealized income on fair value of our AFS financial assets due to the sale.

First Quarter, 2010 (Interim Unaudited) vs. First Quarter, 2009 Results of Operations

The Company recorded Total Revenues of PhP23.524 Million for the quarter ending March 2010 up by PhP22.119 Million from the same quarter of 2009 of PhP1.405 Million. Realized gain from the sale of AFS financial assets made up the bulk of Total Revenues for the quarter recorded at PhP22.337 Million.

Cost and expenses for the first quarter of 2010 were recorded at PhP7.366 Million down by PhP 8.651 Million compared to the same quarter of 2009's level of PhP16.017 Million. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in general and administrative expenses which recorded a reduction of PhP 10.567 Million due to certain organizational changes implemented during the 1st quarter of 2009 to preserve cash and capital during the global and economic downturn.

For the first quarter of 2010, the Company recorded a Net Income of PhP15.717 Million compared to the Net Loss for the quarter ending March 2009 of PhP14.607 Million.

Total Assets stood at PhP475.320 Million as of end March 2010 up by PhP15.922 Million compared to end March 2009 level of PhP459.398 Million. The increase was attributable to additional assets booked for the various projects of the Corporation, the bulk of which were in Biological Assets and Agricultural Produce totaling PhP27.098 Million. Other increases in assets were in Deferred Exploration Costs which increased by PhP5.710 Million, Deferred Tax Assets by PhP6.565 Million and Other non-

Current Assets by PhP7.983 Million. These increases, however, were partly offset by decreases in our Financial Assets, both AFS and FVPL, totaling PhP30.485 Million.

Total Liabilities as of end March 2010 was recorded at PhP17.391 Million down by PhP13.196 Million compared to end March 2009's level of PhP30.587 Million. The decrease was mainly due to the payment of certain liabilities and the reversal of accrued retirement benefits due to curtailment.

Stockholders' Equity as of end March 2010 stood at PhP457.928 Million up by PhP29.117 Million compared to the level of March 2009 of PhP428.811 Million. The increase was attributable mainly to the increase in Capital Stock and Additional Paid-in Capital due to additional subscriptions and to the income booked for the 1st quarter of 2010 as earlier mentioned.

2009 vs. 2008 Results of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company reported a Net Loss on a consolidated basis of PhP 13.348 Million compared to the Net Loss booked for the year ended December 31, 2008 of PhP 108.576 Million. Adding other comprehensive income totaling PhP 13.527 Million, the company resulted to a Total Comprehensive Income of PhP 179.536 thousand as of year-end 2009 compared to a Total Comprehensive Loss of PhP 108.789 Million as of year-end 2008. Net Loss for the 2009 decreased significantly compared to the Net Loss for the year 2008 mainly because of the decrease in general and administrative expenses due to the organizational changes implemented in March 2009 as previously mentioned. Furthermore, in 2009 no provision for impairment loss on deferred exploration costs was booked compared to 2008 which recorded a provision of PhP 38.2 Million.

For 2009 Total Revenues amounted to PhP 9.661 Million while Cost and Expenses amounted to PhP27.066 Million. Compared to 2008, Total Revenues was recorded at PhP 13.433 Million while Cost and Expenses were PhP 103.540 Million. Revenues in 2009 and in 2008 were both mostly from interests on cash and placements amounting to PhP 5.607 Million in 2009 and PhP 8.989 Million in 2008, and from gain on sale of financial assets amounting to PhP 3.250 Million and PhP 9.778 Million in 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Costs and Expenses for 2009 amounted to PhP 26.066 Million, a significant decline of PhP 76.474 Million compared to 2008 level of PhP 103.540 Million. The decline was mainly due to the decreases in general and administrative expenses and provision for impairment loss on deferred exploration costs as previously mentioned and explained.

2008 vs. 2007 Results of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company reported a Net Loss on a consolidated basis of PhP 108.576 Million compared to the Net Loss booked for the year ended December 31, 2007 of PhP 147.680 Million. The decline in Net Loss of PhP 39.104 Million was mainly due to the significant decrease in provisions for impairment losses on financial assets amounting to PhP 132.390 Million which was partly offset by provisions for impairment loss on deferred exploration costs amounting to PhP 38.2 Million and deferred income tax amounting to PhP 16.487 Million.

For 2008 Total Revenues amounted to PhP13.433 Million while Cost and Expenses amounted to PhP103.540 Million. Compared to 2007, Total Revenues was recorded at PhP 12.501 Million while Cost and Expenses were PhP 204.556 Million. Revenues in 2008 and in 2007 were both mostly from interests on cash and placements amounting to PhP 8.989 Million in 2008 and PhP 6.649 Million in 2007,

and from gain on sale of financial assets amounting to PhP 9.778 Million and PhP 1.695 Million in 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Costs and Expenses for 2008 amounted to PhP 103.540 Million, a significant decline of PhP 101.016 Million compared to 2007's level of PhP 204.556 Million. The decline was mainly due to the decreases in provisions for impairment loss on financial assets and foreign exchange loss which however were partly offset by increases general and administrative expenses and provision for impairment loss on deferred exploration costs.

2007 vs. 2006 Results of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company reported a Net Loss on a consolidated basis of PhP 147.680 Million. Total Revenues amounted to PhP 12.501 Million while Cost and Expenses amounted to PhP 204.556 Million. Net Loss for the year was mainly due to the impairment provision on the Company's investment in Forum Energy Plc (FEP) shares amounting to PhP 133 Million. The fair value adjustment in 2006 was directly recorded as adjustment on available for sale investments in the balance sheet.

Revenues were mostly in interests on placements amounting to PhP 8.409 Million up by PhP 1.5 Million from last year's figure of PhP 6.922 Million. Additional cash from private placements generated additional interest income for the year.

General and administrative expenses increased by PhP 41.268 Million compared to 2006 mainly due to accruals for retirement benefits amounting to PhP 13.766 Million and the increase in manpower costs in line with prospective projects in alternative and renewable energy, oil and gas exploration, and mining.

(e) Changes in and disagreements with accountants on accounting and financial disclosures

There were no disagreements with the Company's external auditors on any accounting and financial disclosures in the 2009 audited financial statements of the Company.

There are, however, changes in accounting policies and disclosures based on the adoption of new Philippine interpretations based on the International Financial Reporting Committee Interpretations, which have been effective January 1, 2009, namely:

- i) PAS 1-Presentation of Financial Statements
The Corporation elected to present a single Statement of Comprehensive Income.
- ii) Amendment to PFRS 7-Financial Instruments: Disclosures
The fair value hierarchy and liquidity position were included in the Audited Financial Statements
- iii) PAS 41-Agriculture
Removed reference to the use of pre-tax discount rate to determine fair value.

The above changes were disclosed in the Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the Corporation as of December 31, 2009.

PART II. SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

(A) Market Price and Dividends Information

(1) Market Information

The shares of stock of the Company are traded in the Philippine Stock Exchange.

The Company's high and low closing prices for each quarter of years 2008 and 2009, and the 1st quarter of 2010, are as follows:

	<u>HIGH</u>			<u>LOW</u>		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
1 st Quarter	Php0.32	Php0.13	Php0.1750	Php0.22	Php0.11	Php0.10
2 nd Quarter	0.27	0.17		0.21	0.11	
3 rd Quarter	0.25	0.19		0.16	0.13	
4 th Quarter	0.18	0.19		0.10	0.14	

Further, the last trading price of shares of the Corporation, as of March 31, 2010 is Php0.16 per share.

No cash or stock dividends have been declared in 2008 and 2009.

Record of Sales of Unregistered or Exempt Securities As of December 31, 2009

DATE	NO. OF SHARES	PAR VALUE	AMOUNT PAID	SUSBSCRIBERS
Dec. 31, 2005	5,473,907	P1.00	P 5,473,907	Existing directors and stockholders
Dec. 22, 2006	100,000,000	P 0.25	P 25,000,000	New investors and existing stockholders
May 25, 2007	146,400,000	P 0.25	P 36,600,000	Existing directors and stockholders
Jan. 10, 2008	537,500,000	P0.25	P134,375,000	New Investors and Existing stockholders and directors
May 28, 2009	120,853,536	P0.25	P30,213,384	New investor-ZN Biofuels Partners, Inc.
Sept. 22, 2009	31,818,182	P0.25	P7,954,545.50	Shouk Financial Services Ltd.
TOTAL	942,046,225		P 239,616,836.50	

The above issuances of shares arose from private placements and subscriptions to capital increase, which are exempt from registration under Section 10.1 (k).

(2) Holders

Top 20 Stockholders as of March 31, 2010:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING SHARES</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
PCD Nominee Corporation (Fil.)	1,810,474,201	75.10%
Shirley Tan	60,000,000	2.49%
SR Capital Holdings, Inc	50,000,000	2.07%
Christodel Phils., Inc.	25,736,744	1.07%
PCD Nominee Corporation (For.)	24,829,651	1.03%
Isidoro O. Tan	24,822,276	1.03%
Phases Realtors, Inc.	20,989,439	0.87%
Northwest Traders Corporation	20,745,757	0.86%
Jose C. De Venecia, Jr.	10,013,225	0.42%
Samuel Uy	10,000,000	0.41%
Jose Ma. L. De Venecia	9,075,833	0.38%
Northwest Investors, Inc.	8,708,890	0.36%
Mark Anthony L. De Venecia	8,363,333	0.35%
Oscar C. De Venecia	8,110,000	0.34%
Ernesto Chiaco Chua	8,000,000	0.33%
JLV Holdings, Inc.	7,200,000	0.30%
Jose Chan Man Chuan	5,512,409	0.23%
MDV Holdings, Inc.	5,070,000	0.21%
Kho Giok En	4,550,000	0.19%
Horacio Rodriquez	4,408,523	0.18%

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate Governance Manual

In December 17, 2009, the Board adopted its Revised Corporate Governance Manual which it submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Philippine Stock Exchange, pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Memorandum Circular No.6, Series of 2009. The Manual includes provisions for the following:

- Compliance System
- Duties and responsibilities of Compliance Officer
- Plan for Compliance including the general responsibilities and qualifications of:
 - Board of Directors
 - Board Committees
 - Corporate Secretary
 - External Auditor
 - Internal Auditor
- Communication Process
- Training Process
- Reportorial and Disclosure System
- Monitoring and Assessment of Compliance

Corporate Governance Committee

The Committee is responsible for maintaining and ensuring good governance of the Company, and to ensure a high standard of best practice for the Company and its Board of Directors and management, the Committee shall guide the Board of Directors in the exercise of its authority, ensuring compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and codes of best business practices. The Committee is composed of the following:

Francis C. Chua	-	Chairman
Gabriel R. Singson, Jr.	-	Vice Chairman
Ma. Florina M. Chan	-	Member
Eduardo V. Manalac	-	Member
Jaime J. Martinez	-	Member
Dennis D. Decena (Independent Director)	-	Member

Evaluation System for Compliance with Leading Practices on Corporate Governance

The Company has adopted the SEC Corporate Governance Self Rating Form to evaluate the level of compliance of the Company with its Manual on Corporate Governance. In addition, the Compliance Officer reviews on a periodic basis the level of compliance of its directors, officers and employees with leading practices contemplated in the Company's Manual. The officers and directors of the Company have attended the seminars on Corporate Governance and Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Regulations. The Board of Directors organized the Corporate Governance Committee to monitor and ensure compliance by the Board and Management of its Manual on Corporate Governance and applicable best corporate governance practices. To date, the Company has substantially complied with the provisions of its Manual on Corporate Governance.

In 2008, the Board of Directors organized the various Board and Management Committees, in addition to the Corporate Governance Committee, namely: the Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, Compensation and Remuneration Committee, and the Finance and Investments Committee. The Company's reportorial and disclosure system has been likewise enhanced to promote close coordination between the Board of Directors and the officers in charge of legal and regulatory compliance and ensure transparency of transactions and timely and accurate disclosures to stockholders.

INTERNAL CONTROL

In the performance of their duties, the Directors acknowledge their responsibility for the Company's system of internal financial control. This system is designed in order to promote reasonable assurance against any material misstatement or loss. It aims to ensure that the assets of the Company are safeguarded, proper accounting records are maintained and that the financial information used within the business and for publication is reliable.

The Company's books of accounts are prepared and maintained by the Company's designated Accountant, under the oversight and supervision of the Treasurer and Vice-President for Finance. All expenses and disbursements are prepared by a separate unit and prior to booking and approval, these are verified by the Accounting Department. Regular financial and operations reports are prepared for the Chairman & CEO, the President & COO, and the Board and the Finance and Investments Committee, to ensure that top management and the Board of Directors are supplied with all the information they require in a timely and appropriate manner.


ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING MANUAL

In compliance with the directive of the Philippine Government and the SEC, and following the SEC Model Manual, the Board adopted its Anti-Money Laundering Manual and submitted the same to SEC last October 14, 2002. The Company is in compliance with its Anti-Money Laundering Manual.

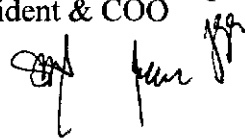
Executed this 29th day of April, 2010 at Makati City.



OSCAR C. DE VENECIA
Chairman & CEO



OSCAR L. DE VENECIA, JR.
President & COO



CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

I, **OSCAR S. REYES**, Filipino, of legal age and a resident of Unit 6, Kasiyahan Homes, 58 McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati City, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, declare that:

1. I am an independent director of Basic Energy Corporation.
2. I am affiliated with the following companies or organizations:

Company Organization	Position/Relationship	Period of Service
Bank of the Philippine Islands	Director	2003 - present
Manila Water Company	Independent Director	2005 - present
Ayala Land, Inc.	Independent Director	2009 - present
Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company	Independent Director	2001- present
SMART Communications Inc.	Independent Director	2006 - present
Sun Life Financial Plans Inc.	Independent Director	2006 - present
Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Abundance Fund Inc.	Director	2004 - present
Sun Life Prosperity Dollar Advantage Fund Inc.	Director	2002 - present
Pepsi Cola Products Philippines, Inc.	Independent Director	2007 - present
Basic EcoMarket Farms, Inc.	Chairman	2009 - present
First Philippine Electric Company	Director	2003 - present
Petrolift Inc.	Independent Director	2007 - present
Mindoro Resources Ltd.	Director	2003 - present
MRL Gold Philippines Inc.	Chairman	2008 - Present
Global Resources for Outsourced Workers (GROW), Inc.	Director	2002 - present
Link Edge Inc.	Chairman	2002 - present
CEO's Inc.	Chairman	2000 - present
Alcorn Gold Resources Corporation	Independent Director	2009 - present

3. I possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to serve as an independent director of Basic Energy Corporation as provided for in Section 38 of the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

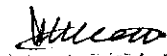
4. I shall faithfully and diligently comply with my duties and responsibilities as independent director under the Securities Regulation Code.

5. I shall inform the corporate secretary of Basic Energy Corporation of any change in the abovementioned information within five days from its occurrence.

_____, Makati City.


OSCAR S. REYES
 Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this APR 03 2010 day of _____, 2010, the Affiant exhibiting to me his Passport No. XX2143931 issued 29 September 2008 in Manila.


ATTY. E. M. VELASCO
 NOTARY PUBLIC
 Until Dec. 31, 2011

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 Ref No. 28757 2

CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

I, DENNIS D. DECENA, Filipino, of legal age and a resident of 18 G, Greenbelt Radissons, 106 Aguirre St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, declare that:

- 1. I am an Independent Director of Basic Energy Corporation.
- 2. I am affiliated with the following companies or organizations:

Company/Organization	Position/Relationship	Period of Service
Cavite Rural Bank	Director	2010 to present
Punta Fuego Village Homeowners' Association, Inc.	Director	1998 to present

- 3. I possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to serve as an Independent Director of Basic Energy Corporation as provided for in Section 38 of the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.
- 4. I shall faithfully and diligently comply with my duties and responsibilities as independent director under the Securities Regulation Code.
- 5. I shall inform the corporate secretary of Basic Energy Corporation of any change in the abovementioned information within five(5) days from its occurrence.

April 13, 2010, Makati City.

DENNIS D. DECENA
Affiant

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ___ day of April 2010, affiant exhibiting to me his Tax Identification No. 110-179-495.

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NOTARY PUBLIC
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**STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

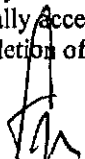
The Management of BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION is responsible for all information and representations contained in the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

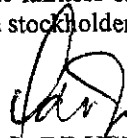
These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the Philippines and reflect amounts that are based on the best estimates and informed judgment of management with an appropriate consideration to materiality.

In this regard, management maintains a system of accounting and reporting which provides for the necessary internal controls to ensure that transactions are properly authorized and recorded, assets are safeguarded against unauthorized use or disposition, and liabilities are recognized.

The management likewise discloses to the company's audit committee and to its external auditors: (i) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls that could adversely affect its ability to record, process and report financial data; (ii) material weaknesses in the internal controls; (iii) and any fraud that involves management or other employees who exercise significant roles in internal controls.

The Board of Directors reviews the consolidated financial statements before such statements are approved and submitted to the stockholders of the Company. Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co., the independent auditors appointed by the Board of Directors, have audited the financial statements of the Company in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and have expressed their opinion on the fairness of presentation upon completion of such examination, in their report to the Board of Directors and stockholders.


OSCAR C. DE VENECIA
Chairman & CEO


OSCAR L. DE VENECIA, JR.
President & COO



MARIETTA V. VILLAFUERTE
Vice President - Treasurer

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____ 2010 affiant having exhibited to me their TIN # as follows:

Name	TIN Number
Oscar C. De Venecia	130-704-840-000
Oscar L. De Venecia, Jr.	149-709-049-000
Marietta V. Villafuerte	103-168-986-000

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Notary Public

ATTY. LOPE M. VELASCO
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Stockholders and the Board of Directors
Basic Energy Corporation
(Formerly Basic Petroleum Corporation)

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Basic Energy Corporation (formerly Basic Petroleum Corporation) and Subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the consolidated statements of comprehensive income, consolidated statements of changes in equity and consolidated statements of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Basic Energy Corporation and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and their financial performance and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009 in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards.

SYCIP GORRES VELAYO & CO.



Aileen L. Saringan

Partner

CPA Certificate No. 72557

SEC Accreditation No. 0096-AR-2

Tax Identification No. 102-089-397

PTR No. 2087572, January 4, 2010, Makati City

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Basic Energy Corporation
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Consolidated Financial Statements
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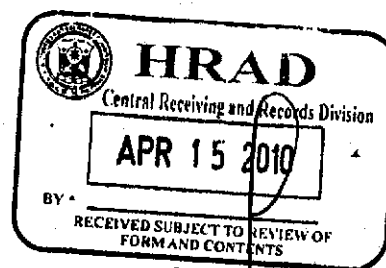
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BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION
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AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS



December 31

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 5)	P100,185,897	P155,032,996
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL) (Note 6)	2,105,027	6,244,291
Receivables (Note 7)	10,940,222	11,552,619
Biological assets - standing crops (Note 11)	23,522,738	-
Prepayments and other current assets (Note 8)	693,197	4,757,146
Total Current Assets	137,447,081	177,587,052
Noncurrent Assets		
Available-for-sale (AFS) financial assets (Note 9)	44,549,757	26,992,252
Investment properties (Note 10)	120,086,298	120,086,298
Property and equipment (Note 14)		
At cost	25,827,549	19,014,928
At revalued amount	18,223,332	19,879,999
Project development costs (Note 12)	62,378,691	63,284,430
Deferred oil exploration costs (Note 13)	36,299,832	31,681,173
Deferred income tax assets (Note 21)	15,188,913	8,623,748
Intangible assets (Note 4)	7,022,602	7,022,602
Net pension assets (Note 20)	544,500	-
Other noncurrent assets	8,227,153	-
Total Noncurrent Assets	338,348,627	296,585,430
TOTAL ASSETS	P475,795,708	P474,172,482

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (Note 15)	P4,933,372	P15,687,601
Income tax payable	40,097	-
Total Current Liabilities	4,973,469	15,687,601
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Deferred income tax liabilities (Note 21)	16,419,491	9,854,325
Accrued retirement benefits (Note 20)	-	5,207,300
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	16,419,491	15,061,625
Total Liabilities	21,392,960	30,749,226

(Forward)



	December 31	
	2009	2008
Equity		
Attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company:		
Capital stock [held by 7,164 and 7,231 equity holders in 2009 and 2008, respectively] (Note 16)	₱602,668,833	₱572,455,491
Additional paid-in capital (Note 16)	27,067,569	4,105,430
Deposits for future stock subscription (Note 16)	24,386,336	66,761,817
Revaluation increment in office condominium (Note 14)	12,756,334	13,915,999
Net unrealized income (loss) on increase (decrease) in value of AFS financial assets (Note 9)	12,538,809	(988,594)
Deficit	(225,655,609)	(213,543,202)
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company	453,762,272	442,706,941
Noncontrolling interest	640,476	716,315
Total Equity	454,402,748	443,423,256
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	₱475,795,708	₱474,172,482

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.



BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Years Ended December 31		
	2009	2008	2007
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (Note 19)	P26,655,576	P64,666,103	P59,803,818
FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOSS (GAIN)	410,444	(1,806,630)	11,688,003
PROVISION FOR IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON DEFERRED OIL EXPLORATION COSTS (Note 13)	-	38,200,000	-
PROVISION FOR IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON AFS FINANCIAL ASSETS (Note 9)	-	673,892	133,064,296
OTHER INCOME - Net (Note 17)	(9,660,758)	(11,626,155)	(12,500,912)
LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX	17,405,262	90,107,210	192,055,205
PROVISION FOR (BENEFIT FROM) INCOME TAX (Note 21)	(4,057,351)	18,468,743	(44,374,943)
NET LOSS	13,347,911	108,575,953	147,680,262
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)			
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Unrealized gain (loss) on AFS financial assets	18,735,375	(1,343,870)	(120,478,436)
Income tax effects on other comprehensive income (loss)	(5,207,972)	456,275	46,989,754
Reclassification adjustments from:			
Impairment loss on AFS financial assets	-	673,892	133,064,296
Sale of investment in bonds	-	-	830,274
	13,527,403	(213,703)	60,405,888
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	P179,492	(P108,789,656)	(P87,274,374)
NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
Equity holders of the Parent Company	(P13,272,072)	(P108,551,605)	(P147,655,541)
Noncontrolling interest	(75,839)	(24,348)	(24,721)
	(P13,347,911)	(P108,575,953)	(P147,680,262)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
Equity holders of the Parent Company	P255,331	(P108,765,308)	(P87,249,653)
Noncontrolling interest	(75,839)	(24,348)	(24,721)
	P179,492	(P108,789,656)	(P87,274,374)
BASIC/DILUTED LOSS PER SHARE (Note 22)	P0.01	P0.05	P0.09

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BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009, 2008 AND 2007

	Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent Company										
	Capital Stock (Notes 16)	Additional Paid-in Capital (Note 16)	Deposits for Future Stock Subscription (Note 16)	Reduction Surplus	Revaluation Increment in Office Condominium (Note 14)	Net unrealized loss on increase (decrease) in fair value of AFS Financial Assets (Note 9)			Total	Noncontrolling Interest	Total Equity
						Equity	Debt	Deficit			
BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2006	₱374,841,113	₱14,782,251	₱39,623,907	₱358,615,166	₱15,075,666	(₱60,723,423)	(₱457,356)	(₱331,893,140)	₱409,864,184	₱950,413	₱410,814,597
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	59,985,283	420,605	(147,655,541)	(87,249,653)	(24,721)	(87,274,374)
Transfer of portion of revaluation increment realized through depreciation	-	-	-	-	(1,076,833)	-	-	1,656,667	579,834	-	579,834
Equity restructuring of Parent Company	-	(14,782,251)	-	(358,615,166)	-	-	-	373,397,417	-	-	-
Issuance of capital stock	26,527,364	4,105,430	(39,623,907)	-	-	-	-	-	(8,991,113)	-	(8,991,113)
Subscription of capital stock	171,087,014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	171,087,014	-	171,087,014
Deposits for future stock subscription	-	-	13,586,336	-	-	-	-	-	13,586,336	-	13,586,336
Decrease in noncontrolling interest due to the additional investment in SWR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(185,029)	(185,029)
BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2007	572,455,491	4,105,430	13,586,336	-	13,998,833	(738,140)	(36,751)	(104,494,597)	498,876,602	740,663	499,617,265
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	(243,853)	30,150	(108,551,605)	(108,765,308)	(24,348)	(108,789,656)
Transfer of portion of revaluation increment realized through depreciation	-	-	-	-	(82,834)	-	-	(497,000)	(579,834)	-	(579,834)
Subscription of capital stock	-	-	53,175,481	-	-	-	-	-	53,175,481	-	53,175,481
BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2008	572,455,491	4,105,430	66,761,817	-	13,915,999	(981,993)	(6,601)	(213,543,202)	442,706,941	716,315	443,423,256
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	13,503,955	23,448	(13,272,072)	255,331	(75,839)	179,492
Transfer of portion of revaluation increment realized through depreciation	-	-	-	-	(1,159,665)	-	-	1,159,665	-	-	-
Issuance of capital stock	30,213,342	22,962,139	(53,175,481)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subscription of capital stock	-	-	10,800,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,800,000	-	10,800,000
BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2009	₱602,668,833	₱27,067,569	₱24,386,336	₱-	₱12,756,334	₱12,521,962	₱16,847	(₱225,655,609)	₱453,762,272	₱640,476	₱454,402,748

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BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Years Ended December 31		
	2009	2008	2007
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Loss before income tax	(P17,405,262)	(P90,107,210)	(P192,055,205)
Adjustments for:			
Interest income (Note 17)	(5,607,555)	(8,989,402)	(6,649,109)
Depreciation and amortization (Note 14)	3,557,274	3,348,034	2,205,243
Gain on sale of financial assets at FVPL and AFS financial assets (Notes 6, 9 and 17)	(3,250,390)	(9,778,448)	(1,694,890)
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	317,367	(1,806,630)	4,486,852
Fair value adjustments on financial assets at FVPL	(105,027)	7,237,912	-
Dividend income (Note 17)	(19,938)	(47,985)	(65,411)
Provision for impairment of deferred exploration costs (Note 13)	-	38,200,000	-
Impairment loss on AFS financial assets	-	673,892	133,131,795
Unrealized gain from increase in fair value of investment properties	-	-	(4,159,001)
Operating loss before working capital changes	(22,513,531)	(61,269,837)	(64,799,726)
Decrease (increase) in:			
Receivables	285,423	1,595,413	28,200,714
Biological assets	(19,899,695)	-	-
Prepayments and other current assets	(606,951)	63,756	(21,583,547)
Increase (decrease) in:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(10,254,229)	6,441,909	4,712,262
Retirement benefits (income) (Note 20)	(5,751,800)	3,441,500	1,765,800
Cash used in operations	(58,740,783)	(49,727,259)	(51,704,497)
Interest received	5,651,571	8,798,910	6,333,909
Income taxes paid (including final taxes on interest income)	(1,110,524)	(1,981,667)	(752,747)
Net cash used in operating activities	(54,199,736)	(42,910,016)	(46,123,335)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of financial assets at FVPL and AFS financial assets	8,669,051	17,889,984	70,220,794
Additions to:			
Property and equipment (Note 14)	(12,852,104)	(11,575,657)	(4,748,674)
Deferred oil exploration costs	(4,618,659)	-	-
Project development costs	(2,647,014)	-	-
Financial assets at FVPL	-	-	(18,410,100)
AFS financial assets (Note 9)	-	-	(16,128,326)
Payment for project development cost	-	(141,999)	-
Dividends received	19,938	47,985	65,411
Net cash from (used in) investing activities	(11,428,788)	6,220,313	30,999,105

(Forward)



	Years Ended December 31		
	2009	2008	2007
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Increase in deposits for future stock subscription (Note 16)	P10,800,000	P-	P4,324,322
Proceeds from issuance of capital stock	-	-	171,245,901
Decrease in noncontrolling interest	-	-	(185,029)
Net cash from financing activities	10,800,000	-	175,385,194
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
	(18,575)	327,860	(51,116)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(54,847,099)	(36,361,843)	160,209,848
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	155,032,996	191,394,839	31,184,991
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR (Note 5)	P100,185,897	P155,032,996	P191,394,839

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.



BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION
(Formerly Basic Petroleum Corporation)
AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Corporate Information and Authorization for Issuance of the Financial Statements

Corporate Information

Basic Energy Corporation, formerly Basic Petroleum Corporation (the Parent Company) and subsidiaries (collectively referred to as a Group) is a publicly-listed stock corporation and were incorporated in the Philippines. The Parent Company's registered business address is at 7th Floor, Basic Petroleum Building, C. Palanca, Jr. Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

On November 27, 2006, the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the Parent Company's change of business name from Basic Consolidated, Inc. to Basic Petroleum Corporation. On August 10, 2007, the SEC approved the Parent Company's further change in business name to Basic Energy Corporation and the amendment of its primary and secondary purposes transforming the Parent Company into a holding company with diversified business interests in the different fields of renewable energy and alternative fuels, while pursuing its core business in oil and gas exploration and development.

The Parent Company is the ultimate holding company of the following subsidiaries:

Subsidiaries	Percentages of Ownership		Nature of Business
	2009	2008	
Basic Diversified Industrial Holdings, Inc. (BDIHI)	100.00	100.00	Investment holding
iBasic, Inc. (iBasic)	100.00	100.00	Real estate (no development activities) and information technology
Basic Ecomarket Farms Inc. (BEFI)	100.00	100.00	Agriculture
Basic Biofuels Corporation (BBC)	100.00	100.00	Development of biofuels (no development activities)
Southwest Resources, Inc. (SWR)	72.58	72.58	Oil exploration and investment holding

Organizational Changes

The Board of Directors (BOD) of the Parent Company implemented certain organizational changes in March 2009 aimed at the preservation of cash and capital during the current global and local economic downturn. These organizational changes were taken in the light of the decision to pursue the cassava project in the Zamboanga peninsula, through BEFI, and to defer the planned ethanol project, while the capability of BEFI to produce the cassava feedstock required by the planned ethanol project is being developed. The Group continues to pursue its core businesses in oil and gas exploration and the development of geothermal and other forms of alternative and renewable energy.

Authorization for Issuance of the Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements were authorized for issuance by the BOD during its meeting on March 24, 2010.



2. Significant Accounting and Financial Reporting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial assets at FVPL, AFS financial assets and investment properties that have been measured at fair value and office condominium that have been measured at revalued amounts. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Philippine Peso (Peso), which is the Group's functional currency. Amounts are rounded off to the nearest Peso unless otherwise indicated.

Statement of Compliance

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS).

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of Basic Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries as of December 31 of each year. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting year as the Parent Company, using consistent accounting policies.

Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities over which the Parent Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entities, or generally has an interest of more than one half of the voting rights of the entities. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Parent Company controls another entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group directly or through the holding companies. Control is achieved where the Parent Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. They are deconsolidated from the date on which control ceases.

All intragroup balances, transactions and income that are recognized in assets are eliminated in full. However, intragroup losses that indicate impairment are recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

Noncontrolling Interests

Noncontrolling interest represents the 27.42% equity interest in the net assets of SWR that are not held by the Group as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and are presented separately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and within the equity section in the consolidated balance sheet, separately from the equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company. Acquisitions of noncontrolling interests are accounted for using the parent entity extension method, whereby the difference between the consideration and the book value of the share of the net assets acquired is recognized as goodwill.

Changes in Accounting Policies

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except for the adoption of the following new and amended Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) and PFRS and new Philippine Interpretation based on International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) Interpretations effective in 2009.

- PAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*, separates owner and non-owner changes in equity. All owner changes in equity are required to be presented in a statement of changes in equity, and all non-owner changes either in one statement of comprehensive income or in two



separate statements (statement of income and statement of comprehensive income). The previous standard required components of comprehensive income to be presented in the statement of changes in equity. The revised standard also requires that the income tax effect of each component of comprehensive income to be disclosed. In addition, it requires entities to present a comparative statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period when the entity has applied an accounting policy retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in the financial statements.

The Group has elected to present comprehensive income in a single statement.

The Group has not presented three consolidated statements of balance sheets in these financial statements because it has not applied an accounting policy retrospectively, made a retrospective restatement of items in its financial statements or reclassified items in its financial statements that affected the consolidated statement of balance sheets at the beginning of the earliest comparative period.

- Amendment to PFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*, requires additional disclosures about fair value measurement and liquidity risk. Fair value measurements related to items recorded at fair value are to be disclosed by source of inputs using a three level fair value hierarchy, by class, for all financial instruments recognized at fair value. In addition, reconciliation between the beginning and ending balance for Level 3 fair value measurements is now required, as well as significant transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy. The amendments also clarify the requirements for liquidity risk disclosures with respect to derivative transactions and financial assets used for liquidity management. Adoption of this amendment did not have any impact on the Group's financial statements. The fair value measurement and liquidity risk disclosures are not significantly impacted by the amendments and are presented in Note 24.
- PFRS 8, *Operating Segments*, replaces PAS 14, *Segment Reporting*, and adopts a full management approach to identifying, measuring and disclosing the results of an entity's operating segments. The information reported would be that which management uses internally for evaluating the performance of operating segments and allocating resources to those segments. Such information may be different from that reported in the consolidated balance sheet and consolidated statement of comprehensive income and the Group will provide explanations and reconciliations of the differences. Operating segments identified under PAS 14 and PFRS 8 are the same.
- PAS 40, *Investment Properties*, revises the scope (and the scope of PAS 16) to include property that is being constructed or developed for future use as an investment property. Where an entity is unable to determine the fair value of an investment property under construction, but expects to be able to determine its fair value on completion, the investment under construction will be measured at cost until such time as fair value can be determined or construction is complete.
- PAS 41, *Agriculture*, removes the reference to the use of a pretax discount rate to determine fair value, thereby allowing use of either a pretax or post-tax discount rate depending on the valuation methodology used and removes the prohibition to take into account cash flows resulting from any additional transformations when estimating fair value. Instead, cash flows that are expected to be generated in the 'most relevant market' are taken into account.



The adoption of the following new and amended PFRS and Philippine Interpretations are either not relevant or are expected to have no significant impact on the consolidated financial statements:

- PFRS 1, *First-time Adoption of Philippine Financial Reporting Standards*, and Amendment to PAS 27, *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*
- Amendment to PFRS 2, *Share-based Payment*
- PAS 23, *Borrowing Costs*
- PAS 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation* and Amendment to PAS 1
- Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 9, *Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives*, and Amendment to PAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*
- Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 13, *Customer Loyalty Programmes*
- Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 16, *Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation*
- Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 18, *Transfers of Assets from Customers*

In 2008, the International Accounting Standards Board issued its first omnibus of amendments to its standards, primarily with a view to removing inconsistencies and clarifying wordings. There are separate transitional provisions for each standard. Adoption of the following improvements to standards did not have any material impact on the consolidated financial statements:

- PAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- PFRS 5, *Noncurrent Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*
- PAS 16, *Property, Plant and Equipment*
- PAS 19, *Employee Benefits*
- PAS 20, *Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosures of Government Assistance*
- PAS 23, *Borrowing Costs*
- PAS 27, *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*
- PAS 28, *Investments in Associates*
- PAS 29, *Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies*
- PAS 31, *Interests in Joint Ventures*
- PAS 36, *Impairment of Assets*
- PAS 38, *Intangible Assets*
- PAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*
- PAS 40, *Investment Property*

The omnibus amendments to PFRS issued in 2009 included an amendment to the Appendix to PAS 18, *Revenue*. As the amendment to the Appendix to PAS 18 specifies no transitional provisions, the amendment is effective immediately and retrospectively. The amendment adds guidance (which accompanies the standard) to determine whether an entity is acting as a principal or as an agent. The features indicating an entity is acting as a principal are whether the entity: (a) has primary responsibility for providing the goods or services; (b) has inventory risk; (c) has discretion in establishing prices; and (d) bears the credit risk.

Business Combination and Goodwill

Business combinations are accounted for using the purchase method. This involves recognizing identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquired business initially at fair value. If the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities exceeds the cost of the business combination, the acquirer shall (a) reassess the identification and measurement of the



acquiree's identifiable assets and liabilities and the measurement of the cost of the combination; and (b) recognize immediately in profit or loss any excess remaining after that reassessment.

When a business combination involves more than one exchange transaction, each exchange transaction shall be treated separately using the cost of the transaction and fair value information at the date of each exchange transaction to determine the amount of any goodwill associated with that transaction. This results in a step-by-step comparison of the cost of the individual investments with the Group's interest in the fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities at each exchange transaction. The fair values of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities may be different at the date of each exchange transaction. Any adjustment to those fair values relating to previously held interests of the Group is a revaluation to be accounted for as such and presented separately as part of equity.

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share in the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary or associate at the date of acquisition. Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiaries is recognized separately as a noncurrent asset. Goodwill on acquisitions of associates is included in investments in associates and is tested annually for impairment as part of the overall balance.

Goodwill is reviewed for impairment, annually or more frequently, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

Impairment is determined for goodwill by assessing the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (CGU) or group of CGUs to which the goodwill relates. Where the recoverable amount of the CGU or group of CGUs is less than the carrying amount of the CGU or group of CGUs to which goodwill has been allocated, an impairment loss is recognized. Impairment losses relating to goodwill cannot be reversed in future periods. The Group performs its impairment test of goodwill on an annual basis.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes cash on hand and in banks. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with original maturities of three months or less and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Financial assets are classified as financial assets at FVPL, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity (HTM) financial assets and AFS financial assets, as appropriate. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets are acquired and whether they are quoted in an active market. Financial liabilities are classified as financial liabilities at FVPL and other financial liabilities, as appropriate.

Management determines the classification of its financial assets and financial liabilities at initial recognition and, where allowed and appropriate, reevaluates such designation at every balance sheet date.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company has no HTM financial assets.

Date of recognition

The Group recognizes a financial asset or a financial liability in the consolidated balance sheet when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. In the case of a regular way purchase or sale of financial assets, recognition and derecognition, as applicable, is done using trade date accounting.



Initial recognition of financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognized initially at fair value. The initial measurement of financial instruments, except for those classified at FVPL, includes transaction costs.

Financial instruments are classified as liabilities or equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement. Interest, dividends and gains and losses relating to a financial instrument or a component that is a financial liability are reported as expense or income. Distributions to holders of financial instruments classified as equity are charged directly to equity, net of any related income tax benefits.

Determination of fair value

The fair value of financial instruments that are actively traded in organized financial markets is determined by reference to quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date. For investments and all other financial instruments where there is no active market, fair value is determined using valuation techniques. Such techniques include using arm's length market transactions; reference to the current market value of another instrument, which is substantially the same; discounted cash flow analysis and other valuation models.

"Day 1" profit

Where the transaction price in a non-active market is different from the fair value of other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable markets, the Group recognizes the difference between the transaction price and fair value (a "Day 1" profit) in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income unless it qualifies for recognition as some other type of asset. In cases where use is made of data which is not observable, the difference between the transaction price and model value is only recognized in profit or loss when the inputs become observable or when the instrument is derecognized. For each transaction, the Group determines the appropriate method of recognizing the "Day 1" profit amount.

Designated financial assets or financial liabilities at FVPL

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVPL includes financial assets or financial liabilities held for trading, derivative financial instruments and those designated upon initial recognition as at FVPL.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the near term. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives, are classified at FVPL unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments or a financial guarantee contract. Dividends, interests, and gains or losses on financial instruments held for trading are recognized in profit or loss.

Financial instruments may be designated at initial recognition at FVPL when any of the following criteria are met: (i) the designation eliminates or significantly reduces the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or recognizing the gains or losses on them on a different basis; or (ii) the assets are part of a group of financial assets which are managed and their performance are evaluated on fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management strategy; or (iii) the financial instrument contains an embedded derivative that would need to be separately recorded.



Financial assets or financial liabilities at FVPL, are recorded in the consolidated balance sheet at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in profit or loss. Interest and dividend income or expense are recognized in profit or loss according to the terms of the contract, or when the right to the payment has been established.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Group classifies its held-for-trading investments as financial assets at FVPL (see Note 6).

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial measurement, loans and receivables are subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method less any allowance for impairment. Amortized cost is calculated taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and includes transaction costs and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate and transaction costs. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the loans and receivables are derecognized or impaired, as well as through the amortization process. These financial assets are included in current assets if maturity is within 12 months from the balance sheet date. Otherwise, these are classified as noncurrent assets.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, included under loans and receivables are cash in banks and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, interest receivable, advances to employees, receivable from FEP and due from ZNB Partners (see Notes 5, 7 and 8).

AFS financial assets

AFS financial assets are those non-derivative financial assets that are designated as AFS or are not classified in any of the three other categories. The Group designates financial instruments as AFS financial assets if they are purchased and held indefinitely and may be sold in response to liquidity requirements or changes in market conditions. After initial recognition, AFS financial assets are measured at fair value with unrealized gains or losses being recognized directly in equity as "Net unrealized income (loss) on the increase (decrease) in fair value of AFS financial assets" net of the related deferred income tax. The effective yield component of AFS debt securities, as well as the impact of restatement on foreign currency-denominated AFS debt securities, are reported in profit or loss.

When the investment is disposed of, the cumulative gains or losses previously recorded in equity is recognized in profit or loss. Interest earned on the investments is reported as interest income using the effective interest rate method. Dividends earned on investments are recognized in the profit or loss as "Dividend income" when the right of payment has been established. The Group considers several factors in making a decision on the eventual disposal of the investment. The major factor of this decision is whether or not the Group will experience inevitable further losses on the investment. These financial assets are classified as noncurrent assets unless the intention is to dispose such assets within 12 months from the balance sheet date.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, included under AFS financial assets are the Group's investments in shares of stock and government bonds (see Note 9).



Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities are initially recorded at fair value, less directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any issue costs and any discount or premium on settlement. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognized as well as through the amortization process.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, included in other financial liabilities are the Group's accounts payable and accrued expenses (see Note 15).

Offsetting Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated balance sheet if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the financial asset and settle the financial liability simultaneously. This is not generally the case with master netting agreements and the related financial assets and financial liabilities are presented gross in the consolidated balance sheet.

Derecognition of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognized when:

- the right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired;
- the Group retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; or,
- the Group has transferred its right to receive cash flows from the asset and either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Group has transferred its right to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognized to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

Financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability was discharged, cancelled or has expired.

When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in profit or loss.



Impairment of Financial Assets

The Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

Loans and receivables

The Group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for individually assessed financial assets, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses for impairment. Those characteristics are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for groups of such assets by being indicative of the debtors' ability to pay all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the assets being evaluated. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is, or continues to be, recognized are not included in a collective assessment for impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on assets carried at amortized cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future expected credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e., the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition). The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss shall be recognized in profit or loss.

If in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed, to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed its amortized cost at the reversal date. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss.

In relation to receivables, a provision for impairment is made when there is objective evidence (such as the probability of insolvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor) that the Group will not be able to collect all of the amounts due under the original terms of the invoice. The carrying amount of the receivable is reduced through the use of an allowance account. Impaired receivables are derecognized when they are assessed as uncollectible.

Assets carried at cost

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on an unquoted equity instrument that is not carried at fair value because its fair value cannot be reliably measured, or on a derivative asset that is linked to and must be settled by delivery of such an unquoted equity instrument has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset.

AFS financial assets

For AFS financial assets, the Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.



In case of equity investments classified as AFS financial assets, this would include a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the investments below its cost. The determination of what is 'significant' or 'prolonged' requires judgment. The Group treats 'significant' generally as 30% or more and 'prolonged' as greater than 12 months for quoted equity securities. Where there is evidence of impairment, the cumulative loss measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognized in profit or loss is removed from other comprehensive income and recognized in profit or loss.

Impairment losses on equity investments are not reversed through profit or loss. Increases in fair value after impairment are recognized directly in equity.

In the case of debt instruments classified as AFS financial assets, impairment is assessed based on the same criteria as financial assets carried at amortized cost. Interest continues to be accrued at the original effective interest rate on the reduced carrying amount of the asset and is recorded as a component of "Other income (charges)" in profit or loss. If subsequently, the fair value of a debt instrument increased and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

Prepayments

Prepayments are expenses paid in advance and recorded as asset before they are utilized. This account comprises prepaid rentals and insurance premiums and other prepaid items. The prepaid rentals and insurance premiums and other prepaid items are apportioned over the period covered by the payment and charged to the appropriate accounts in profit or loss when incurred. Prepayments that are expected to be realized for no more than 12 months after the reporting period are classified as current assets otherwise these are classified as other noncurrent assets.

Investment Properties

Investment properties, consisting of parcels of land owned by the Group, are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at fair value, which reflects market conditions at the balance sheet date. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair values of investment properties are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the year in which they arise.

Investment properties are derecognized when either they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal. Any gains or losses from derecognition of an investment property are recognized in profit or loss in the year of retirement or disposal.

Deferred Oil Exploration Costs

All exploration costs incurred in connection with the participation of the Company and SWR in the exploration and development of oil contract areas are capitalized and accounted for under the "full cost method" [determined on the basis of each Service Contract (SC)/Geophysical Survey and Exploration Contract (GSEC)]. These costs include materials and fuel used, surveying costs, drilling costs and payments made to contractors. When oil in commercial quantity is discovered,



the amounts capitalized are amortized at the start of commercial operations. On the other hand, when an SC/GSEC is permanently abandoned, the related capitalized exploration costs are written-off. SCs/GSECs are considered permanently abandoned if the SCs/GSECs have expired and/or if there are no definite plans for further exploration and/or development.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting mineral resources are demonstrable, all exploration and evaluation are tested for impairment.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, other than office condominium, are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization and any impairment in value. Office condominiums are carried at revalued amount less depreciation and any impairment in value charged subsequent to the date of the revaluation.

The revalued amount of the office condominium as of January 1, 2006 was determined by an independent firm of appraiser on April 12, 2007. Valuations are performed frequently enough to ensure that the fair value of the revalued asset does not differ materially from its carrying amount.

Any revaluation increment is credited to the "Revaluation increment in office condominium" account in the equity section of the consolidated balance sheet, net of the related deferred income tax liability. An annual transfer from the "Revaluation increment in office condominium" account to retained earnings (deficit) is made for the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset and depreciation based on the asset's original cost. Additionally, accumulated depreciation at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. Upon disposal, any revaluation increment relating to the particular asset sold is transferred to retained earnings (deficit).

The initial costs of property and equipment consist of their purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the assets to their working condition and location for their intended use. Expenditures incurred after the property and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance costs, are recognized in profit or loss in the year in which the costs are incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditures have resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of an item of property and equipment beyond its originally assessed standard of performance, the expenditures are capitalized as additional costs of the property and equipment.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets. The cost of leasehold improvement is amortized over the term of the lease or the estimated useful life of the assets, whichever is shorter.

Depreciation of assets commences once the assets are available for use and is provided on all property and equipment at rates calculated to write off the cost or revalued amount, less estimated residual value based on prices prevailing at the balance sheet date.



Each asset is depreciated evenly over its expected useful lives as follows:

	<u>Number of Years</u>
Office condominium	15
Building and leasehold improvements	10
Office equipment, furniture and fixtures	4 to 5
Transportation equipment	5

Depreciation or amortization of an item of property and equipment begins when it becomes available for use, i.e., when it is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Depreciation or amortization ceases at the earlier of the date that the item is classified as held for sale (or included in a disposal group that is classified as held for sale) in accordance with PFRS 5, *Noncurrent Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*, and the date the asset is derecognized.

The useful lives and depreciation and amortization method are reviewed periodically to ensure that the periods and method of depreciation and amortization are consistent with the expected pattern of economic benefits from items of property and equipment.

When assets are retired or disposed of, their costs, related accumulated depreciation and amortization and any impairment in value are eliminated from the accounts. Any gain or loss resulting from their disposal is included in profit or loss.

Project Development Costs

Research costs are expensed as incurred. Project development costs on an individual project is recognized as an intangible asset when the Group can demonstrate:

- the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale;
- its intention to complete and its ability to use or sell the asset;
- how the asset will generate future economic benefits;
- the availability of resources to complete the asset; and
- the ability to measure reliably the expenditure during development.

Following initial recognition of the development expenditure as an asset, the cost model applied requires the asset to be carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Amortization of the asset begins when development is complete and the asset is available for use. It is amortized over the period of expected future benefit. During the period of development, the asset is tested for impairment annually.

Biological Assets - Standing Crops

Biological assets (cassava crops), for which fair values cannot be measured reliably, are measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Expenditure on standing crops includes land preparation expenses and other direct expenses incurred during the cultivation period.

Cost incurred in maintaining or enhancing the standing crops are recognized as expenses as incurred.



Impairment of Nonfinancial Assets

The Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is an indication that nonfinancial assets, which include property and equipment carried at cost and revalued amount, investment properties, biological assets, deferred oil exploration costs and project development costs, may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. In assessing value-in-use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss in those expense categories with the function of the impaired asset, except for property previously revalued where the revaluation was taken to equity. In this case, the impairment is also recognized in equity up to the amount of any previous revaluation.

For assets excluding goodwill, an assessment is made at each balance sheet date as to whether there is any indication that the previously recognized impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the Group makes an estimate of recoverable amount. A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognized. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increased amount cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognized in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the amount of revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is recognized at the fair value of the consideration received. The Group has assessed its revenue arrangements against specific criteria in order to determine if it is acting as principal or agent. The Group has concluded that it is acting as a principal in all of its revenue arrangements. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognized:

Revenue from petroleum operations is recognized at the time of production.

Interest income is recognized as the interest accrues taking into account the effective yield on the asset.

Dividend income is recognized when the Group's right to receive payment is established.

Other comprehensive income

Other comprehensive income comprises items of income and expense (including items previously presented under the consolidated statement of changes in equity) that are not recognized in profit or loss for the year in accordance with PFRS. Other comprehensive income of the Group includes changes in unrealized increases and losses on remeasuring AFS financial assets.



Foreign Currency-denominated Transactions and Translations

Items included in the financial statements of the Group are measured using the currency that best reflects the economic substance of the underlying events and circumstances relevant to the Group. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the applicable exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Outstanding monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated using the applicable closing functional currency exchange rate at the balance sheet date. Foreign exchange gains or losses arising from foreign currency-denominated transactions and translations are recognized in profit or loss.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses are decreases in economic benefits during the accounting period in the form of outflows or depletions of assets or incurrence of liabilities that results in decreases in equity, other than those relating to distributions to equity participants. General and administrative expenses are generally recognized when the service is incurred or the expense arises while interest expenses, if applicable are accrued in the appropriate period.

Capital Stock and Additional Paid-in Capital

Capital stock is measured at par value for all shares issued. When the Group issues more than one class of stock, a separate account is maintained for each class of stock and number of shares issued and outstanding.

When the shares are sold at premium, the difference between the proceeds and the par value is credited to the "Additional paid-in capital" account. When shares are issued for a consideration other than cash, the proceeds are measured by the fair value of the consideration received. In case the shares are issued to extinguish or settle the liability of the Group, the shares shall be measured either at the fair value of the shares issued or fair value of the liability settled, whichever is more reliably determinable.

Deposits for Future Stock Subscription

Deposits for future stock subscription is recognized when the Group receives payment from stockholders with a view of applying the same as payment for a fixed number of shares of stock at a fixed amount to be issued in the future.

Retirement Benefits Cost

Retirement benefits cost is determined using the projected unit credit actuarial valuation method. Actuarial gains and losses are recognized as income or expense when the net cumulative unrecognized actuarial gains and losses at the end of the previous reporting year exceeded 10% of the higher of the present value of defined benefit obligation and the fair value of the plan assets as of that date. These gains or losses are recognized over the expected average remaining working lives of the employees participating in the plan.

Past service cost is recognized as an expense in profit or loss on a straight line basis over the average period until the benefits become vested. If the benefits are already vested following the introduction of, or changes to, the plan, past service cost is recognized immediately.

The accrued retirement benefits is the aggregate of the present value of the defined benefit obligation and actuarial gains and losses not recognized reduced by past service cost not yet recognized and the fair value of the plan assets out of which obligations are to be settled directly.



Income Taxes

Current income tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is recognized on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Deferred income tax liabilities are recognized on all taxable temporary differences. Deferred income tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, carried forward benefits of tax credits (excess of minimum corporate income tax [MCIT] over the regular corporate income tax [RCIT]) or tax losses (net operating loss carryover [NOLCO]) to the extent that it is probable that sufficient future taxable profits will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized before its reversal or carried forward tax credits or tax losses can be utilized before their expiration.

Deferred income tax liabilities are not provided on non-taxable temporary differences associated with investments in domestic subsidiaries and associates. With respect to investments in other subsidiaries and associates, deferred income tax liabilities are recognized except whether the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient future taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax assets to be utilized before their reversal or expiration. Unrecognized deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each balance sheet date and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that sufficient future taxable profits will allow the deferred income tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax relating to items recognized in equity is recognized in equity and not in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities are offset, if a legally enforceable right exists to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Loss Per Share

Loss per share is computed by dividing net loss for the year attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted loss per share is calculated by dividing the net loss by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year, excluding treasury shares, and adjusted for the effects of all dilutive potential common shares, if any.

The Parent Company does not have any potential common shares with dilutive effect.



Segment Information

The Group considers investment holding and the energy and oil and gas exploration as its primary activities. The Group also has agriculture activities related to its energy and oil and gas exploration. The Group has no geographical segmentation as the Group's operating business segments are neither organized nor managed by geographical segment.

Provisions and Contingencies

Provisions are recognized when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements. They are disclosed unless the possibility of an outflow of economic benefits is remote. Contingent assets are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements but disclosed when an inflow of economic benefit is probable.

Events After the Balance Sheet Date

Post year-end events that provide additional information about the Group's position at the balance sheet date (adjusting events) are reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Post year-end events that are not adjusting events are disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements when material.

Future Changes in Accounting Policies

The following standards and interpretations will become effective subsequent to year 2009. The Group does not expect the adoption of the applicable new and amended PFRS and Philippine Interpretations to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

Effective in 2010

- Improvements to PAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*, clarifies that the terms of a liability that could result, at anytime, in its settlement by the issuance of equity instruments at the option of the counterparty do not affect its classification.
- Improvements to PAS 7, *Statement of Cash Flows*, explicitly states that only expenditure that results in a recognized asset can be classified as a cash flow from investing activities.
- Revised PFRS 3, *Business Combinations (Revised)* and PAS 27, *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements (Amended)*, introduces a number of changes in the accounting for business combinations that will impact the amount of goodwill recognized, the reported results in the period that an acquisition occurs and future reported results. The revised PAS 27 requires among others, that (a) change in ownership interests of a subsidiary (that do not result in loss of control) will be accounted for as an equity transaction and will have no impact on goodwill nor will it give rise to a gain or loss; (b) losses incurred by the subsidiary will be allocated between the controlling and non-controlling interests (previously referred to as "minority interests"); even if the losses exceed the non-controlling equity investment in the



subsidiary; and (c) on loss of control of a subsidiary, any retained interest will be remeasured to fair value and this will impact the gain or loss recognized on disposal. The changes introduced by the revised PFRS 3 must be applied prospectively and will affect future acquisitions and transactions with noncontrolling interests. PAS 27 is applied retrospectively.

- PAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement - Eligible Hedged Items*, addresses only the designation of a one-sided risk in a hedged item and the designation of inflation as a hedged risk or portion in particular situations. The amendment clarifies that an entity is permitted to designate a portion of the fair value changes or cash flow variability of a financial instrument as a hedged item.
- PFRS 2, *Share-based Payment - Group Cash-settled Share-based Payment Transactions*, clarifies the scope and the accounting for group cash-settled share-based payment transactions.
- Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 17, *Distributions of Noncash Assets to Owners*, provides guidance on how to account for non-cash distributions to owners. The interpretation clarifies when to recognize a liability, how to measure it and the associated assets, and when to derecognize the asset and liability.
- Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 19, *Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments*, provides guidance on how to account for the extinguishment of a financial liability by the issue of equity instruments. These transactions are often referred to as debt for equity swaps.

Improvements to PFRS

- PFRS 2, *Share-based Payment*, clarifies that the contribution of a business on formation of a joint venture and combinations under common control are not within the scope of PFRS 2 even though they are out of scope of PFRS 3, *Business Combinations (Revised)*.
- PFRS 5, *Noncurrent Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*, clarifies that the disclosures required in respect of noncurrent assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale or discontinued operations are only those set out in PFRS 5. The disclosure requirements of other PFRS only apply if specifically required for such noncurrent assets or discontinued operations.
- PFRS 8, *Operating Segments*, clarifies that segment assets and liabilities need only be reported when those assets and liabilities are included in measures that are used by the chief operating decision maker.
- PAS 17, *Leases*, removes the specific guidance on classifying land as a lease. Prior to the amendment, leases of land were classified as operating leases. The amendment now requires that leases of land are classified as either "finance" or "operating" in accordance with the general principles of PAS 17. The amendments will be applied retrospectively.
- PAS 36, *Impairment of Assets*, clarifies that the largest unit permitted for allocating goodwill, acquired in a business combination, is the operating segment as defined in PFRS 8 before aggregation for reporting purposes.



- PAS 38, *Intangible Assets*, clarifies that if an intangible asset acquired in a business combination is identifiable only with another intangible asset, the acquirer may recognize the group of intangible assets as a single asset provided the individual assets have similar useful lives. This also clarifies that the valuation techniques presented for determining the fair value of intangible assets acquired in a business combination that are not traded in active markets are only examples and are not restrictive on the methods that can be used.
- PAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, provides that changes in circumstances relating to derivatives - specifically derivatives designated or de-designated as hedging instruments after initial recognition - are not reclassifications. It also provides that when financial assets are reclassified as a result of an insurance company changing its accounting policy in accordance with paragraph 45 of PFRS 4, *Insurance Contracts*, this is a change in circumstance, not a reclassification. It also removes the reference to a 'segment' when determining whether an instrument qualifies as a hedge and requires use of the revised effective interest rate (rather than the original effective interest rate) when re-measuring a debt instrument on the cessation of fair value hedge accounting.
- Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 16, *Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation*, states that in a hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation, qualifying hedging instruments may be held by any entity or entities within the group, including the foreign operation itself, as long as the designation, documentation and effectiveness requirements of PAS 39 that relate to a net investment hedge are satisfied.

Effective in 2012

- Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 15, *Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate*, covers accounting for revenue and associated expenses by entities that undertake the construction of real estate directly or through subcontractors.

The required revised disclosures will be included in the Group's financial statements when the relevant accounting standards and interpretations are adopted subsequent to 2009.

3. Significant Accounting Judgments and Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in compliance with PFRS requires management to make judgments and estimates that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. The judgments and estimates used in the consolidated financial statements are based upon management's evaluation of relevant facts and circumstances as of the date of the consolidated financial statements. Future events may occur which can cause the assumptions used in arriving at those judgments and estimates to change. The effects of the changes will be reflected in the consolidated financial statements as they become reasonably determinable.

Accounting judgments and estimates are continually evaluated based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.



Judgments

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgments, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements:

Determination of the Group's functional currency

Based on the economic substance of the underlying circumstances relevant to the Group, the functional currency has been determined to be the Peso. It is the currency that mainly influences the operations of the Group.

Classification of financial instruments

The Group classifies a financial instrument, or its component, on initial recognition as a financial asset, liability, or equity instrument in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement and the definitions of a financial asset, liability or equity instrument. The substance of a financial instrument, rather than its legal form, governs its classification in the consolidated balance sheet.

Financial assets are classified as financial assets at FVPL, loans and receivables, HTM financial assets and AFS financial assets. Financial liabilities, on the other hand, are classified as financial liabilities at FVPL and other financial liabilities.

The Group determines the classification at initial recognition and reevaluates the classification at every balance sheet date.

Impairment of property and equipment

PFRS requires that an impairment review be performed when certain impairment indicators are present. Determining the value of property and equipment which require the determination of future cash flows expected to be generated from the continued use and ultimate disposition of such assets requires the Group to make estimates and assumptions that can materially affect its consolidated financial statements.

The carrying value of property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of ₱24,051,536 and ₱17,621,219 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, amounted to ₱44,050,881 and ₱38,894,927 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively (see Note 14).

Impairment and write-off of deferred oil exploration costs

The Group assesses impairment on deferred oil exploration costs when facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of the asset may exceed its recoverable amount. Until the Group has sufficient data to determine technical feasibility and commercial viability, deferred oil exploration costs need not be assessed for impairment.

Facts and circumstances that would require an impairment assessment as set forth in PFRS 6, *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources*, are as follows:

- The period for which the Group has the right to explore in the specific area has expired or will expire in the near future, and is not expected to be renewed;
- Substantive expenditure on further exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area is neither budgeted nor planned;
- Exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area have not led to the discovery of commercially viable quantities of mineral resources and the entity has decided to discontinue such activities in the specific area; and



- Sufficient data exist to indicate that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale.

For deferred oil exploration costs, impairment is recognized when a SC/GSEC where the Group has participating interest is permanently abandoned. Future events could cause the Group to conclude that these assets are impaired.

The carrying amount of deferred oil exploration costs, net of allowance for probable loss amounting to ₱38,200,000 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, amounted to ₱36,299,832 and ₱31,681,173 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively (see Note 13).

Valuation of biological assets

The Group carries biological assets at cost less any accumulated impairment losses since prices of cassava tubers are not readily available and any alternative estimates of fair value is believed to be unreliable.

The Group determines whether its assets are impaired at least annually. The Group's impairment test for biological assets is based on value-in-use calculations using the discounted cash flow model. The projected cash flows were based on the estimated cassava granules that can be produced at the current plantation capacity of the Group and other assumptions that management believes are reasonable, like estimated price increases and cost inflation. These do not include restructuring activities that the Group is not yet committed to or significant future investments that will enhance the asset base. As of December 31, 2009, biological assets amounted to ₱23,522,738 (see Note 11).

Realizability of deferred income tax assets

Deferred income tax assets are recognized for all temporary deductible differences to the extent that it is probable that sufficient future taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax assets to be utilized. Management has determined based on business forecast of succeeding years that there is no sufficient future taxable profits against which the deferred income tax assets will be utilized except for the deferred income tax assets related to the provision for impairment loss and fair value adjustments on AFS financial assets and some portion of NOLCO.

The Group recognized deferred income tax assets amounting to ₱15,188,913 and ₱8,623,748 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively (see Note 21).

Estimates

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised if the revisions affect only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of asset and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

Impairment of AFS financial assets

The Group treats AFS financial assets as impaired when there has been a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value below its cost or where other objective evidence of impairment exists. The determination of what is 'significant' or 'prolonged' requires judgment. The Group treats



'significant' generally as 30% or more and 'prolonged' as greater than 12 months for quoted equity securities. Impairment losses of AFS financial assets which are charged to profit or loss amounted to ₱673,892 and ₱133,064,296 in 2008 and 2007, respectively. There was no impairment loss in 2009.

The carrying value of the Group's AFS financial assets amounted to ₱44,549,757 and ₱26,992,252 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively (see Note 9).

Estimation of allowance for impairment of loans and receivables

The Group reviews its receivables at each balance sheet date to assess the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. In particular, judgment by management is required in the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows when determining the level of allowance required. Such estimates are based on factors such as, but not limited to, the length of the Group's relationship with the customer, customer's payment behavior and other known market factors.

The carrying value of receivables, net of allowance for impairment of accounts receivable amounting to ₱2,052,707 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, amounted to ₱10,940,222 and ₱11,552,619 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively (see Note 7).

Estimation of useful lives of property and equipment

The Group estimates the useful lives of their property and equipment based on the period over which the assets are expected to be available for use. The Group annually reviews the estimated useful lives of property and equipment based on factors that include asset utilization, internal technical evaluation, technological changes, environmental and anticipated use of the assets. It is possible that future results of operation could be materially affected by changes in these estimates brought about by changes in factors mentioned. A reduction in the estimated useful lives of property and equipment would increase depreciation expense and decrease noncurrent assets. The depreciation and amortization expense recognized during 2009, 2008 and 2007 amounted to ₱3,557,317, ₱3,348,034 and ₱2,205,243, respectively (see Note 14).

Estimation of reserves

Proven reserves are estimated by reference to available reservoir and well information, including production and pressure trends for producing reservoirs and, in some cases, subject to definitional limits, to similar data from other producing reservoirs. Proven reserves estimates are attributed to future development projects only where there is a significant commitment to project funding and execution and for which applicable governmental and regulatory approvals have been secured or are reasonably certain to be secured. All proven reserve estimates are subject to revision, either upward or downward, based on new information, such as from development drilling and production activities or from changes in economic factors, including product prices, contract terms or development plans.

Estimates of reserves for undeveloped or partially developed fields are subject to greater uncertainty over their future life than estimates of reserves for fields that are substantially developed and depleted. As a field goes into production, the amount of proven reserves will be subject to future revision once additional information becomes available. As those fields are further developed, new information may lead to revisions.



Estimation of fair value of unquoted equity securities classified as AFS financial assets

Management believes that while the range of reasonable fair value estimates is significant, the probabilities of the various estimates cannot be reasonably assessed given the unquoted nature of these equity investments. As a result, the Group carries these financial assets at cost, less any impairment in value (see Note 9).

Estimation of retirement benefits

The determination of the obligation and retirement benefits is dependent on management's assumptions used by actuaries in calculating such amount, expected rate of return on plan assets and salary projection rate. Actual results that differ from the Group's assumptions are accumulated and amortized over future periods.

While it is believed that the Group's assumptions are reasonable and appropriate, significant differences in actual experience or significant changes in assumptions may materially affect the Group's retirement obligations. The assumptions made by the Group resulted in net pension assets amounting to ₱544,500 as of December 31, 2009 and accrued retirement benefits ₱5,207,300 as of December 31, 2008 (see Note 20).

Determination of fair value of the investment properties

The best evidence of fair value is current prices in an active market for similar lease and other contracts. In the absence of such information, the Group determines the amount within a range of reasonable fair value estimates. In making its judgment, the Group considers information from variety of sources including:

- a) current prices in an active market for properties of different nature, condition or location (or subject to different lease or other contracts), adjusted to reflect those differences;
- b) recent prices of similar properties in less active markets, with adjustments to reflect any changes in economic conditions since the date of the transactions that occurred at those prices; and
- c) discounted cash flow projections based on reliable estimates of future cash flows, derived from the terms of any existing lease and other contracts and (where possible) from external evidence such as current market rents for similar properties in the same location and condition and using discount rates that reflect current market assessments of the uncertainty in the amount and timing of the cash flows.

The fair value of the Group's investment properties amounted to ₱120,086,298 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 (see Note 10).

4. Status of Investments and Management's Outlook

Purchase of BBC (formerly Zambo Norte Bioenergy Corporation)

Share purchase agreement (SPA)

On April 4, 2007, the Parent Company's BOD approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Parent Company and ZN Biofuels Partners, Inc. (ZNB Partners), wherein the Parent Company agreed to acquire BBC to effectively place 100% ownership and full control of BBC in the Parent Company, subject to due diligence and the execution of the transaction documents.



On July 11, 2007, ZNB Partners and the Parent Company executed a SPA for a total consideration of ₱64,000,000 broken down as follows:

- Cash consideration amounting to ₱10,000,000; and
- Issuance of 122,727,272 shares of stock of the Parent Company to be issued from its existing authorized and unissued capital stock which is to be valued for the purposes of the SPA at ₱0.44 per share.

On August 17, 2007, ZNB Partners and the Parent Company (collectively referred to as the Parties) subsequently amended the SPA. They agreed to change the shares of stock consideration from 122,727,272 shares to 120,853,366 shares. The difference between the shares agreed on the original SPA and the amended SPA was settled as additional cash payment to ZNB Partners.

The components of the total consideration of ₱64,000,000 for the acquisition of 999,999 shares of BBC was thus amended as follows:

- Cash consideration amounting to ₱10,824,519; and
- Issuance of 120,853,366 common shares of the Parent Company.

On June 23, 2008, ZNB Partners executed the Deed of Assignment of Shares of Stock transferring 999,989 shares of BBC to the Parent Company, thus effectively transferring the full ownership and control of BBC to the Parent Company.

The fair values of the identifiable net assets of BBC as of date of acquisition are as follows:

	Fair value	Carrying value
Total current assets	₱102,210	₱102,210
Total noncurrent assets	63,523,121	63,523,121
Total assets	₱63,625,331	₱63,625,331
Total current liabilities	₱3,382,933	₱3,382,933
Total equity	60,242,398	60,242,398
Total liabilities and equity	₱63,625,331	₱63,625,331

The cost of the business combination amounted to ₱64,000,000, which consists of cash purchase price and transaction costs. The goodwill amounted to ₱3,757,602 and is recognized under "intangible assets" in the consolidated balance sheets.

On May 28, 2009, the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) approved the listing of the additional 120,853,366 common shares of the Parent Company for issuance to ZNB Partners.

Agreement for the acquisition of parcels of land

On June 19, 2007, the Parent Company and ZNB Partners entered into an "Agreement for the Acquisition of Lands". Under the agreement, which is related to the MOU previously executed by the Parties, ZNB Partners committed to arrange for the Parent Company the acquisition of a total of 4,000 hectares of parcels of land located in Kalawit, Labason and adjacent areas in Zamboanga del Norte, an additional 1,000 hectares on top of the 3,000 hectares committed under the aforementioned MOU. The Parent Company agreed to fund the acquisition of the said 4,000 hectares of parcels of land for the total agreed price of ₱8,000,000.



In September 2007, ZNB Partners contracted a geodetic engineer to conduct the topographic survey of the whole area. The process, after the topographic survey, will involve the execution of the agreements with the tenants and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to finalize the lease agreement over the said area. At that time, the planned feedstock for the ethanol project was sugarcane and the parcels of land were found to be suitable for sugarcane.

In August 2008, however, the Parent Company decided to pursue cassava, over sugarcane, as the feedstock for the planned ethanol plant. Considering that the parcels of land in Kalawit, Labason and adjacent areas have been found to be more suitable to sugarcane, the Parent Company requested ZNB Partners to defer undertaking further action on these farmlands, until further notice.

In August 2009, ZNB Partners and the Parent Company executed an Agreement for the settlement of the remaining commitments of ZNB Partners under the SPA and the Agreement for the Acquisition of Lands dated June 19, 2007. The Parties agreed to a settlement amount of ₱8,223,653 consisting of a reduction in the consideration of ZNB Partners under the SPA, and the payment by ZNB Partners of the values of its undelivered commitments under the aforementioned agreements. The aforesaid amount was settled by ZNB Partners on September 30, 2009. As agreed, the Agreement shall constitute the final settlement of the obligations and commitments of ZNB Partners under the SPA and the Agreement for the Acquisition of Lands dated June 19, 2007.

Acquisition of the Cassava Project of EMF

On August 8, 2008, the Parent Company entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Ecomarketfarms Inc. (EMF) for cassava development and production (the Project). The Parent Company agreed to acquire the Project and all the properties and assets including rights and interests thereto.

On September 18, 2008, BEFI was incorporated as the joint venture company for the Project.

On November 11, 2008, EMF assigned its project rights over the land and land improvement and property and equipment of the Project to the Parent Company for a fair value amounting to ₱9,235,000.

The cost of the business combination amounted to ₱12,500,000, which consists of cash purchase price and transaction costs. The goodwill which is recognized under "Intangible assets" in the consolidated balance sheets, amounting to ₱3,265,000 is attributed to the synergies and expected benefits from combining the assets and activities of the Project with those of the Parent Company.

In 2009, the BOD approved the proposed amendments to the MOA with EMF and the Deed of Assignment of Project and Property Rights both dated November 11, 2008, for the acquisition of the cassava project of EMF in Tungawan, Zamboanga City:

- Project rights sold to the Parent Company will exclude the land and the three buildings erected thereon, due to uncertainties on whether the title can be issued in the name of BEFI, the land being covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program and is part of a 300 hectares block of land awarded to other land reform beneficiaries, and assuming title can be issued, the length of time for the transfer and issuance of title in the name of BEFI; and



- Total consideration for the acquisition of the project was reduced by ₱500,000 for the value of the abovementioned properties, or from ₱12,500,000 to ₱12,000,000 broken down as follows:
 - i. ₱10,800,000 which shall be used by EMF to subscribe to the Parent Company's shares; and
 - ii. ₱1,200,000 in cash (equivalent to 10% of total consideration).

Sale of Basic Petroleum and Minerals, Inc.

On February 15, 2006, the Parent Company's BOD approved the Sale and Purchase Agreement (BPMI-SPA) with FEP. The BPMI-SPA was approved by the Parent Company's stockholders in their Annual Stockholders' Meeting on March 29, 2006.

The BPMI-SPA provides for the acquisition by FEP of the Parent Company's full interest in its wholly owned subsidiary, BPMI. The sale is intended to consolidate and generate investment funds for the Parent Company's oil and gas projects and other viable businesses.

The significant terms of the BPMI-SPA, which were mostly denominated in United States Dollar (US\$) follow:

- Shares of stock of BPMI shall be transferred to FEP; and
- FEP shall settle the consideration for the above items as follows:
 - i. US\$5,000,000 in cash and fully paid shares of FEP using its closing share price on August 26, 2005 as follows:
 - US\$880,000 (First Payment) payable upon compliance to all the conditions precedent as provided in the BPMI-SPA less US\$100,000 previously advanced;
 - US\$660,000 (Second Payment) payable within six months from the First Payment less US\$100,000 previously advanced;
 - US\$660,000 (Final Payment) payable within one year from the First Payment less US\$100,000 previously advanced;
 - US\$2,200,000 to be paid with 1,047,953 fully paid shares of FEP subject to a holding period of 12 months from date of final execution of BPMI-SPA; and
 - US\$600,000 to be paid with 285,806 fully paid shares of FEP subject to a holding period of 18 months from date of official execution of BPMI-SPA, or upon completion of the farm-in of SC 14 and SC 6A and 6B, whichever comes first.
 - ii. US\$10,000,000 in cash upon FEP's utilization of the historical cost recovery (HCR) accounts of BPMI on the basis of US\$0.75 for every US\$1.00 used.
 - iii. US\$2,000,000 in cash payable in lots of US\$200,000 for every 200,000 barrels of oil produced in excess of 5,420,000 barrels.
- The initial cash advances paid by FEP to the Parent Company in the amount of US\$300,000 shall be deducted from the three cash payments mentioned above at US\$100,000 each.



On April 3, 2006, the SPA was signed by the Parent Company and FEP. In the same month, the First Payment of US\$880,000 less US\$100,000 previously advanced, as well as fully paid shares of FEP, consisting of 1,333,759 shares, valued at US\$2,800,000, were received by the Parent Company.

On October 4, 2006 and April 4, 2007, the Parent Company received the Second Payment and Final Payment, respectively, from FEP.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, receivables from FEP, representing the Parent Company's share in the utilization of the HCRs of BPMI, were booked at ₱9,773,167 and ₱10,052,401, respectively (see Note 7). No further accrual of the receivables of the Parent Company from FEP under the SPA was made when the Parent Company found that FEP's method of computation of the Parent Company's share in the HCRs was not in accordance with the SPA. To date, this issue remains unresolved.

The SPA also provided for FEP's commitment to have a nominee of the Parent Company appointed to the FEP's Board and the Parent Company's first nominee was elected to the FEP Board in 2006. After the resignation of the first nominee in 2007, the Parent Company nominated a new nominee, but FEP refused to elect the said new nominee in the FEP's Board. In 2008, the Parent Company designated another nominee, whom FEP likewise refused to elect in the FEP's Board.

Thus, on February 28, 2008, the Parent Company, through its external counsel, made a final demand on FEP for the Parent Company's share in the HCRs of BPMI in the aggregate amount of US\$621,927 as of December 31, 2007, and requested that the Parent Company's new nominee be elected to the FEP's Board. In view of the failure of FEP to comply with these demands, on April 30, 2008, the Parent Company served FEP a notice of default of its obligation under the SPA. On June 5, 2008, FEP was formally declared in default and was advised of the automatic termination of the SPA. As of November 30, 2009, the Company's share in the HCRs of BPMI due from FEP amounted to US\$ 1,348,347. Considering that negotiations to settle this case proved futile, on February 25, 2010, the BOD of the Parent Company authorized management to advise its external counsel to pursue the arbitration proceedings as provided in the SPA and such other legal remedies to protect the interest of the Parent Company.

As of March 24, 2010, the arbitration is ongoing.

Service Contracts (SCs)

SC 47 (Offshore Mindoro) and SC 53 (Onshore Mindoro). The Parent Company, is a party together with other companies, to SC 47 and 53 with the Philippine Government, through the Department of Energy (DOE) for the exploration, development and exploitation of the contract areas situated in offshore and onshore Mindoro, respectively.

SC 47. SC 47 was awarded on January 10, 2005 to the Philippine National Oil Company - Exploration Corporation (PNOC-EC) and Petronas Carigali of Malaysia. SC 47 covers 14,667 square kilometers (sq. km.) and is located within the Northwest Palawan Micro-Continental Block (NPMCB). The Parent Company has an agreement with PNOC-EC that recognizes a 0.2% carried interest stake in the SC.

On January 9, 2008, PNOC-EC informed the DOE of the continued interest on SC 47. However, PNOC-EC requested for a six-month extension of the decision date (from January 10, 2008 to



June 10, 2008) to commit to Sub-Phase 2 of the SC. The extension period would provide time for the remaining parties to conduct post-well analysis on the Kamia-1 well.

On April 16, 2008, the DOE has approved the request for a six-month extension to decide on entering Sub-Phase 2 (Contract Years 3 and 4). The extension period was from January 10, 2008 to June 10, 2008 and reduced the term of the Sub-Phase 2 by six months.

Under the extension period, the consortium committed to complete the Kamia-1 post-well evaluation and map the area to be relinquished prior to making the decision to enter Sub-Phase 2.

On June 10, 2008, the consortium entered into Sub-Phase 2 and presented an alternative work program of acquiring 1000 km. of two-dimension (2D) seismic program. The proposal was not accepted. PNOC-EC is renegotiating and would be informing the consortium of the acceptable work program.

Upon Petronas' withdrawal, the Parent Company's participation on SC 47 is 1%, Petroenergy at 2% and PNOC-EC at 97%. PNOC-EC indicated that they are receptive to reduce their interest.

SC 53. SC 53 was awarded on July 8, 2005. It covers 6,600 sq. km. of the onshore areas of Mindoro Island which is within the NPMCB. The operator of the block is Laxmi Organic Industries Ltd. with 70% participating interest. The Parent Company's participating interest on SC 53 at 3%, the Philodrill Corporation's at 22% and Anglo-Philippines Holdings' at 7%.

The Farm-In Agreement (FIA) between Laxmi Organic Industries and Pitkin Petroleum Ltd. (Pitkin) was finalized and submitted for approval to the DOE on September 6, 2007. Under the FIA, Pitkin will carry the consortium to a 2D seismic program which will be completed by January 2009. Pitkin's proposal would be for the DOE to extend the term of Sub-Phase 1 up to January 2009 and would give time to complete the 2D seismic program and identify a drillable structure. If the 2D seismic program is positive, a well will be committed under Sub-Phase 2.

The Parent Company has a carried-free interest of 3% on the 2D seismic program which is estimated to cost a minimum of US\$1,500,000.

SC 41. SC 41 (Sandakan Basin) was issued to the consortium on May 10, 1996. It is adjacent to the Malaysia-Philippine border within the Sandakan Basin. The contract area is 8,324 sq. km. and covers almost the deepwater areas of the Sandakan shelf.

On July 19, 2008, the consortium drilled the Lumba Lumba-1 well using the semi-submersible rig Transocean Legend. The well was re-spudded on July 27, 2008, 15 meters to the west of the previous location due to some technical difficulties. The well was to test a large inversion structure with multiple objectives in interpreted channel and fan complexes. Estimated recoverable volume ranges from 50 to 150 million barrels.

The Lumba-Lumba 1A drilled through the primary objectives of the prospect with elevated gas readings recorded. However there were no reservoir quality rocks encountered. Tap Oil, the contractor, justified that the deeper secondary objectives did not warrant continuing the well due



to the more difficult drilling conditions. The block has an inventory of nearly 20 leads and prospects covered by 3D data. Drilling operations are being considered after a thorough evaluation.

On October 3, 2008, the DOE approved the contractor's request for a two year extension on the SC 41 term. Under the extension, the consortium will have until May 2010 before it commits to drill a well. The term will be automatically extended up to May 2011 upon the consortium's notification of the progress of the 3D processing. Estimated cost of reprocessing amounted to Australian dollar (A\$)100,000. This will cost SWR, at 0.608%, A\$6,688.

The Parent Company is involved in the block through its subsidiary, SWR's 0.608% interest.

In the above SCs, the Parent Company and SWR have participating interests that are carried-free from the financial commitments of the work programs to be performed over the concession areas.

The full recovery of the deferred oil exploration costs, amounting to ₱36,299,832 and ₱31,681,173 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively (see Note 13), incurred in connection with the Parent Company's and SWR's participation in the acquisition, exploration and development of petroleum concessions, is dependent upon the discovery of oil and gas in commercial quantities from the respective contract areas and the success of future developments thereof.

Geothermal Service Contract (GSC)

On July 10, 2008, the Parent Company entered into a GSC with the DOE for the exploration, development and exploitation of geothermal resource located in Mabini, Batangas covering an area of approximately 3,841 hectares of land.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Parent Company has commenced research and data collection in coherence with the initial phase of the contract.

5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2009	2008
Cash on hand and in banks	₱6,034,011	₱13,306,503
Short-term investments	94,151,886	141,726,493
	₱100,185,897	₱155,032,996

Cash in banks and short-term investments earn interest at the respective bank deposit and short-term investment rates. Short-term investments are made for varying periods of up to three months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group. Interest income amounted to ₱5,179,548, ₱8,631,952 and ₱3,341,361 in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively (see Note 17).



6. Financial Assets at FVPL

	2009	2008
Investments in:		
Publicly - listed shares of stock	P2,105,027	P4,514,912
Philippine mutual funds	-	1,729,379
	P2,105,027	P6,244,291

The investment in publicly-listed shares of stock are quoted at the bid price of PSE and the mutual fund is valued at its net asset value as of December 31, 2009 and 2008. Fair value adjustments recognized on these financial assets amounted to unrealized gain (loss), presented under "Other Income (Charges)" account of P105,027, (P7,237,912) and (P67,499) in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively (see Note 17). Trading losses and gains recognized under "Other Income (Charges)" account in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income amounted to P1,917,908 and P26,789 in 2009 and 2008, respectively (see Note 17).

7. Receivables

	2009	2008
Receivable from FEP (Note 4)	P9,773,167	P10,052,401
Accounts receivable	2,442,061	2,572,733
Interest receivable	548,931	505,692
Advances to employees	228,770	474,500
	12,992,929	13,605,326
Less allowance for impairment of accounts receivable	2,052,707	2,052,707
	P10,940,222	P11,552,619

Accounts receivable arises from short-term, noninterest-bearing transactions of the Group.

The receivable from FEP as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 are the booked portions of the Parent Company's share in the cost recovery incurred in connection with the Parent Company's sale of BPMI's participation in the acquisition, exploration and development of petroleum concessions under SC 14.

Movements in the allowance for doubtful accounts of individually impaired receivables as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 were as follows:

	2009	2008
Beginning balances	P2,052,707	P1,713,227
Provision for the year	-	339,480
Ending balances	P2,052,707	P2,052,707



8. Prepayments and Other Current Assets

	2009	2008
Prepayments	P693,197	P86,246
Due from ZNB Partners (Note 4)	-	4,670,900
	P693,197	P4,757,146

Amounts of due from ZNB Partners pertain to short-term, noninterest-bearing cash advances given to ZNB Partners for the acquisition of land for the bioethanol project.

9. AFS Financial Assets

	2009	2008
Investment in peso-quoted government bonds	P6,512,221	P6,446,603
Investments in shares of stock:		
Quoted	34,183,915	17,218,499
Unquoted	3,853,621	3,327,150
	38,037,536	20,545,649
Total AFS financial assets	P44,549,757	P26,992,252

The Parent Company invested in government bonds through a local bank. The bonds were acquired at a premium and have a nominal interest rate ranging from 5.5% per annum which are payable to the Parent Company semiannually. Interest income recognized using effective interest rate method on investment in government bonds amounted to P428,007, P357,450 and P3,307,748 for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively (see Note 17).

Quoted shares consist of equity investments in FEC Resources, Inc., an independent company listed on the NASD OTC Bulletin Board and the Frankfurt and Munich Stock Exchanges, and FEP, a company listed on London AIM market. The fair values of these listed shares are based on their bid market price as of balance sheet date. The fair value of FEP shares increased to £0.535 as of December 31, 2009 from £0.225 as of December 31, 2008.

Unquoted equity securities include unlisted shares of stock which the Parent Company will continue to carry as part of its investments. These are carried at cost less impairment.

The movement in unrealized gain (loss) in respect of AFS financial assets in 2009 and 2008, are as follows:

	2009	2008
Investment in peso-quoted government bonds		
Beginning balances	(P6,601)	(P36,751)
Unrealized gain	23,448	30,150
Ending balances	P16,847	(P6,601)
Investments in shares of stock		
Beginning balances	(P981,993)	(P738,140)
Unrealized gain (loss)	13,503,955	(917,745)
Impairment loss transferred to profit and loss	-	673,892
Ending balances	P12,521,962	(P981,993)



10. Investment Properties

Investment properties consisting of land, are stated at fair value, which has been determined based on valuations performed by Asian Appraisal, Inc., an independent firm of appraisers, as of December 31, 2006. The fair value represents the amount at which the assets could be exchanged between a knowledgeable, willing buyer and knowledgeable, willing seller in an arm's length transaction at the date of the valuation. Management believes that movement in fair value of these investment properties in 2009 and 2008 is not significant. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, carrying value of investment properties amounted to ₱120,086,298.

11. Biological Assets

As of December 31, 2009, BEFI's biological assets consist of growing cassava crops which is measured at cost.

BEFI's started planting cassava in March 2009. Total capitalized cost to biological assets amounted to ₱23,522,738 as of December 31, 2009.

As of December 31, 2009, there are about 300 hectares planted with growing cassava crops and the estimated crops that will be harvested is about 10,500 metric tons.

BEFI expects its first harvest by the end of March 2010.

12. Project Development Costs

Project development costs pertain to the costs incurred related to BBC's ethanol plant project located at Gotalac, Zamboanga del Norte, which consists of approximately 9,000 hectares of land for the sugarcane farm and a fully integrated ethanol plant with a capacity of 200,000 liters of ethanol/day, with a carbon dioxide production plant having a capacity of 50 tons/day, a 6 megawatt power plant and a 3,000 metric tons/day sugar mill.

13. Deferred Oil Exploration Costs

The movements in deferred oil exploration costs follow:

	2009	2008
Beginning balances	₱69,881,173	₱69,881,173
Additions	4,618,659	-
	74,499,832	69,881,173
Less allowance for impairment	38,200,000	38,200,000
Ending balances	₱36,299,832	₱31,681,173

Under the SCs entered into with the DOE covering certain petroleum contract areas in various locations in the Philippines, the participating oil companies (collectively known as Contractors) are obliged to provide, at their sole risk, the services, technology and financing necessary in the performance of their obligations under these contracts. The Contractors are also obliged to spend specified amounts indicated in the contract in direct proportion to their work obligations.



However, if the Contractors fail to comply with their work obligations, they shall pay to the government the amount they should have spent but did not, in direct proportion to their work obligations. The participating companies have Operating Agreements among themselves, which govern their rights and obligations under these contracts.

On July 10, 2008, the Group and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the DOE, engaged a Geothermal Service Contract (GSC) wherein the Group will undertake and execute the Geothermal Operations contemplated under the GSC. The geothermal operations shall include geothermal exploration, development and production. It shall also consists of surface exploration and subsurface exploration. Surface exploration deals primarily with reconnaissance to detailed activities, studies and geo-scientific investigations. Subsurface exploration refers mainly to drilling activities for the purpose of making discovery and delineating the reservoir. Geothermal development, on the other hand, refers to the drilling of appraisal, development and reinjection wells and geo-scientific activities related thereto for the purpose of exploiting the delineated Geothermal Reservoir, which includes the installation of wellhead equipment, collecting pipes and pressure vessels for steam extraction. Geothermal production is the set of activities which involves the actual extraction of geothermal fluid for commercial utilization, but does not include the utilization of such geothermal fluid.

The term of the GSC is for five years from the effective date consisting of three subphases, renewable for another two years.

The accumulated costs incurred in connection with the exploration contracts are shown under "Deferred oil exploration costs" account in the consolidated balance sheet. The full recovery of these deferred exploration costs is dependent upon the discovery of oil in commercial quantities from any of the petroleum concessions and the success of future development thereof.

In 2008, management has identified and provided for an allowance for impairment on various deferred oil exploration costs in relation to various unsuccessful exploration expenditure amounting to P38,200,000.

14. Property and Equipment

At cost:

As of December 31, 2009:

	Land	Office Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	Farm Equipment	Building and Leasehold Improvement	Transportation Equipment	Construction In Progress	Total
At Costs							
Beginning balances	P3,500,000	P10,792,302	P7,683,481	P5,156,648	P2,803,705	P-	P29,936,136
Additions	-	601,980	11,147,424	-	1,102,700	-	12,852,104
Transfers	-	(1,265,833)	-	-	-	-	(1,265,833)
Ending balances	3,500,000	10,128,449	18,830,905	5,156,648	3,906,405	-	41,522,407
Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization							
Beginning balance	-	6,946,210	248,500	2,775,692	950,806	-	10,921,208
Depreciation and amortization	-	1,518,744	2,494,483	172,025	588,398	-	4,773,650
Ending balances	-	8,464,954	2,742,983	2,947,717	1,539,204	-	15,694,858
Net Book Values	P3,500,000	P1,663,495	P16,087,922	P2,208,931	P2,367,201	P-	P25,827,549



Depreciation expense capitalized as cost of biological assets amounted to ₱2,873,043 in 2009.

As of December 31, 2008:

	Land	Office Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	Farm Equipment	Building and Leasehold Improvement	Transportation Equipment	Construction in Progress	Total
At Costs							
Beginning balances	₱-	₱8,242,647	₱-	₱5,042,177	₱1,383,955	₱45,000	₱14,713,779
Additions	3,500,000	2,714,955	7,683,481	69,471	1,419,750	-	15,387,657
Disposals	-	(165,300)	-	-	-	-	(165,300)
Reclassification	-	-	-	45,000	-	(45,000)	-
Ending balances	3,500,000	10,792,302	7,683,481	5,156,648	2,803,705	-	29,936,136
Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization							
Beginning balance	-	6,129,140	-	2,603,667	662,334	-	9,395,141
Depreciation and amortization	-	982,370	248,500	172,025	288,472	-	1,691,367
Disposals	-	(165,300)	-	-	-	-	(165,300)
Ending balances	-	6,946,210	248,500	2,775,692	950,806	-	10,921,208
Net Book Values	₱3,500,000	₱3,846,092	₱7,434,981	₱2,380,956	₱1,852,899	₱-	₱19,014,928

Additions amounting to ₱3,812,000 in 2008 were acquired through consolidation of BBC.

At revalued amount:

	2009	2008
Office Condominium At Revalued Amount	₱26,580,010	₱26,580,010
Accumulated Depreciation		
Beginning balances	6,700,011	5,043,344
Depreciation	1,656,667	1,656,667
Ending balances	8,356,678	6,700,011
Net Book Values	₱18,223,332	₱19,879,999

Revaluation of Office Condominium

The Group engaged Royal Asia Appraisal Corporation, an independent firm of appraisers, to determine the fair value of its office condominium as of January 1, 2006. The fair value is determined in reference to market-based evidences. The date of the appraisal was April 12, 2007. The estimated remaining life of the office condominium based on the appraisal report is 15 years from the appraisal date. Management believes that changes in fair value in 2009 and 2008 are not significant.

If the office condominium was measured using the cost model, the carrying amount as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 would be as follows:

Cost	₱1,730,010
Accumulated depreciation	(1,730,010)
	₱-

The Group's fully depreciated assets still in use amounted to ₱8,732,946 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008.



15. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

	2009	2008
Accounts payable	₱3,885,847	₱14,359,914
Dividends payable	888,714	888,714
Other payables	158,811	438,973
	₱4,933,372	₱15,687,601

The accounts payable consists of short-term and noninterest-bearing trade payables to the Group's local suppliers with an average credit terms of 30 days. Other payables are liabilities to various government agencies.

16. Capital Stock

	2009		2008	
	No. of Shares	Amount	No. of Shares	Amount
Authorized - ₱0.25 par value	10,000,000,000	₱2,500,000,000	10,000,000,000	₱2,500,000,000
Unissued	(8,273,672,727)	(2,068,418,181)	(8,394,526,093)	(2,098,631,523)
Issued	1,726,327,273	431,581,819	1,605,473,907	401,368,477
Subscribed	2,146,848,057	536,712,014	2,146,848,057	536,712,014
Subscriptions receivable	(1,462,500,000)	(365,625,000)	(1,462,500,000)	(365,625,000)
	684,348,057	171,087,018	684,348,057	171,087,014
	2,410,675,330	₱602,668,833	2,289,821,964	₱572,455,491

The movements on shares outstanding in 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

	2009	2008
Beginning balances	2,289,821,964	2,289,821,964
Issuances during the year	120,853,366	-
Ending balances	2,410,675,330	2,289,821,964

The movements on deposit for future stock subscription in 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

	2009		2008	
	No. of Shares	Amount	No. of Shares	Amount
Beginning	152,671,548	₱66,761,817	31,818,182	₱13,586,336
Additional deposit	43,200,000	10,800,000	120,853,366	53,175,481
Issuance	(120,853,366)	(53,175,481)	-	-
	75,018,182	₱24,386,336	152,671,548	₱66,761,817

17. Other Income (Charges)

	2009	2008	2007
Interest income on:			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 5)	₱5,179,548	₱8,631,952	₱3,341,361
AFS financial assets - investment in government bonds (Note 9)	428,007	357,450	3,307,748
Gain on sale of financial assets at FVPL and AFS financial assets (Notes 6 and 9)	3,250,390	9,778,448	1,694,890
Fair value adjustments on financial assets at FVPL (Note 6)	105,027	(7,237,912)	(67,499)

(Forward)



	2009	2008	2007
Dividend income	₱19,938	₱47,985	₱65,411
Unrealized gain from increase in fair value of investment properties (Note 10)	-	-	4,159,001
Others	677,848	48,232	-
	₱9,660,758	₱11,626,155	₱12,500,912

18. Compensation of Key Management Personnel

- Shares of stock of the Group held by members of the BOD aggregated to 35,777,245 and 30,119,345 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.
- Compensation of key management personnel consists of short-term employee benefits and post-employment benefits. Short-term employee benefits amounted to ₱5.7 million, ₱11.1 million and ₱10.1 million for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, while post-employment benefits amounted to ₱0.7 million for 2009, ₱1.6 million for 2008 and ₱1.21 million for 2007.

Directors' remuneration consists only of per diems for attendance at the BOD and Committee meetings. In 2009, 2008 and 2007, total per diems received by the members of the BOD amounted to ₱1,110,000, ₱997,500 and ₱1,663,429, respectively. There is no existing compensatory plan or arrangement for directors of the Group.

Remuneration of existing officers of the Group are covered in their employment contracts, and except for retirement benefits under the Group's Retirement Plan, there are no existing compensatory plans or arrangements for officers of the Group.

A stock option plan for directors and officers was approved by the stockholders on July 11, 2007, however, the implementing guidelines are still being formulated. These guidelines will be submitted for approval by the BOD and thereafter for submission to the SEC.

19. General and Administrative Expenses

	2009	2008	2007
Personnel:			
Salaries and wages	₱10,065,177	₱5,346,842	₱12,967,773
Retirement benefits cost (income) (Note 20)	(5,751,800)	3,441,500	13,765,800
Other employee benefits	5,682,553	15,439,997	279,835
Outside services	3,755,725	16,087,460	7,916,606
Depreciation and amortization	3,557,274	3,348,034	2,205,243
Transportation and travel	3,346,888	8,554,625	7,852,493
Entertainment, amusement and recreation	1,855,273	4,030,883	1,529,961
Communication	996,043	1,349,034	2,181,969
Utilities	703,754	670,866	738,734
Taxes and licenses	661,335	1,789,409	6,228,499
Office supplies	535,991	833,848	936,933
Repairs and maintenance	86,884	235,224	357,683
Others	1,160,479	3,538,381	2,842,289
	₱26,655,576	₱64,666,103	₱59,803,818



20. Retirement Benefits

The Parent Company maintains a funded, noncontributory defined retirement benefit plan covering all qualified employees. A trustee bank is administering the retirement benefits fund.

The following tables summarize the components of the retirement benefits cost (income) recognized in profit and loss and the funded status and amounts recognized in the consolidated balances sheets.

The components of retirement benefits cost (income) in profit and loss are as follows:

	2009	2008	2007
Current service cost	₱286,100	₱3,401,500	₱12,128,300
Interest cost	63,900	223,700	1,676,300
Expected return in plan assets	(54,800)	(132,600)	(38,800)
Actuarial gain	(36,300)	(51,100)	-
Curtailment gain	(6,010,700)	-	-
	(₱5,751,800)	₱3,441,500	₱13,765,800

- a. The following table summarizes the accrued retirement benefits (net pension assets) recognized in the consolidated balance sheets:

	2009	2008
Funded obligation:		
Present value of defined benefit obligation	₱944,200	₱2,387,900
Fair value of plan assets	764,000	1,557,800
	180,200	830,100
Unrecognized actuarial gains (losses)	(724,700)	4,377,200
	(₱544,500)	₱5,207,300

- b. Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	2009	2008
Beginning balances	₱2,387,900	₱2,183,100
Current service cost	286,100	3,401,500
Interest cost	63,900	223,700
Effect of curtailment	(2,622,100)	-
Actuarial loss (gain)	828,400	(3,420,400)
Ending balances	₱944,200	₱2,387,900

- c. Changes in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:

	2009	2008
Beginning balances	₱1,557,800	₱1,657,500
Actuarial gain (loss)	249,400	(232,300)
Expected return on plan assets	54,800	132,600
Benefits paid	(1,098,000)	-
Ending balances	₱764,000	₱1,557,800



The actual return on plan assets amounted to ₱304,200 and ₱99,700 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. There was no return on plan assets in 2007.

- d. Movements of accrued retirement benefits (net pension assets) recognized in the consolidated balance sheets are as follows:

	2009	2008
Beginning balances	₱5,207,300	₱1,765,800
Retirement benefits cost (income)	(5,751,800)	3,441,500
Ending balances	(₱544,500)	₱5,207,300

The latest actuarial valuation of the plan is as of December 31, 2009. As of January 1, 2009 and 2008, the principal assumptions used in determining retirement benefits (income) for the Company's retirement benefits (assets) are as follows:

	2009	2008	2007
Number of employees covered	18	28	20
Discount rate	16.05%	10.25%	9.50%
Salary projection rate	8%	8%	9%
Expected return on plan assets	8%	8%	8%

Discount rate used to compute the present value of defined benefit obligation as of December 31, 2009 is 10.58%.

Amounts as of December 31, are as follows:

	2009	2008	2007
Present value of defined benefit obligation	₱944,200	₱2,387,900	₱2,183,100
Fair value of plan assets	(764,000)	(1,557,800)	(1,657,500)
Deficit	180,200	830,100	525,600
Experience adjustment on plan liabilities	(828,400)	(497,600)	(1,029,800)
Experience adjustment on plan assets	249,400	(232,300)	(38,800)

- f. The major categories of plan assets as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 as a percentage of fair value of total plan assets follow:

	2009	2008
Money market investments	99%	64%
Cash in banks	1%	36%
	100%	100%

The overall expected rate of return on plan assets is determined based on the market rates expected to prevail during the period over which the obligation is to be settled, taking into consideration that the major categories of plan assets are among the prime investment instruments in the market.

The Parent Company does not expect to contribute to the plan in 2010.



21. Income Taxes

a. Being engaged in petroleum operations in the Philippines, the Parent Company and SWR are entitled to certain tax incentives under Presidential Decree (PD) No. 87, as amended. Under PD No. 87, contractors are exempt from all taxes, except income taxes.

b. Provision for (benefit from) income tax consists of:

	2009	2008	2007
Current	₱40,097	₱196,133	₱-
Deferred	(5,207,972)	16,487,076	(45,116,853)
	(5,167,875)	16,683,209	(45,116,853)
Final tax	1,110,524	1,785,534	741,910
	(₱4,057,351)	₱18,468,743	(₱44,374,943)

c. The components of net deferred income tax liabilities recognized by the Group as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

	2009	2008
Deferred income tax assets on:		
NOLCO	₱7,837,728	₱541,989
Allowance for impairment loss on AFS financial assets	7,255,975	7,625,484
Unrealized foreign exchange loss	95,210	-
Net unrealized loss on AFS financial assets	-	456,275
	15,188,913	8,623,748
Deferred income tax liabilities on:		
Revaluation increment on office condominium	5,467,000	4,174,800
Net unrealized gain on AFS financial assets	5,207,972	-
Revaluation increment on investment properties	5,137,537	5,137,537
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	443,632	541,989
Net pension asset	163,350	-
	16,419,491	9,854,326
Net deferred income tax liability	₱1,230,578	₱1,230,578

d. Deferred income tax assets have not been recognized on the following:

	2009	2008
NOLCO	₱144,544,215	₱157,307,738
Allowance for impairment loss on AFS financial assets	64,957,151	71,010,839
Allowance for impairment of deferred oil exploration costs	38,200,000	38,200,000
Pre-operating expenses	9,321,412	6,049,604
Provision for probable loss	1,960,842	1,960,842
Excess MCIT over RCIT	236,230	206,970
Accrued retirement benefits	-	5,207,300



- e. As of December 31, 2009, the Group's NOLCO and MCIT, which are available for deduction against future taxable income and RCIT, respectively, follow:

Year Incurred	NOLCO	Excess MCIT over RCIT	Expiry Year
2009	₱32,790,994	₱40,097	2012
2008	73,581,570	196,133	2011
2007	64,297,411	-	2010
	₱170,669,975	₱236,230	

NOLCO that expired in 2009, 2008 and 2007 amounted to ₱21,235,387, ₱11,000,019 and ₱21,800,538, respectively. Excess MCIT over RCIT that expired in 2009 and 2008 amounted to ₱10,837 and ₱300,262, respectively.

For income tax purposes, the BBC's and BEFI's pre-operating expenses totaling to ₱9,321,412 and ₱6,049,604 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, will be amortized over five years from the start of commercial operations.

- f. The reconciliation of the benefit from income tax computed at the statutory tax rates to the provision for (benefit from) income tax as shown in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income follows:

	2009	2008	2007
Benefit from income taxes computed at statutory tax rates	(₱5,221,579)	(₱31,537,522)	(₱67,219,322)
Adjustments for:			
Movements of unrecognized deferred income tax assets	2,489,324	65,894,970	19,653,802
Interest and dividend income subject to final tax	(578,840)	(1,364,950)	(1,608,171)
Gain on sale of financial assets at FVPL	(573,373)	(7,875)	(593,212)
Nontaxable income	(141,375)	-	-
Fair value changes of financial assets at FVPL	(31,508)	-	-
Nondeductible loss and expense	-	1,451,436	1,115,320
Effect of change in tax rate	-	(15,967,316)	4,276,640
Provision for (benefit from) income tax	(₱4,057,351)	₱18,468,743	(₱44,374,943)

- g. The Republic Act (RA) No. 9337 or the Expanded-Value Added Tax (E-VAT) Act of 2005 took effect on November 1, 2005. The new E-VAT law provides, among others, for change in RCIT rate from 32% to 35% for the next three years effective on November 1, 2005 and 30% starting January 1, 2009. The unallowable deductions for interest expense was likewise changed from 38% to 42% of the interest income subjected to final tax, provided that effective January 1, 2009, the rate shall be 33%.

On July 7, 2008, RA 9504, which amended the provisions of the 1997 Tax Code, became effective. It includes provisions relating to the availment of the optional standard deduction (OSD). Corporations, except for nonresident foreign corporations, may now elect to claim standard deduction in an amount not exceeding 40% of their gross income. A corporation must signify in its returns its intention to avail of the OSD. If no indication is made, it shall be considered as having availed of the itemized deductions. The availment of the OSD shall be irrevocable for the taxable year for which the return is made.



On September 24, 2008, the Bureau of Internal Revenue issued Revenue Regulation No. 10-2008 for the implementing guidelines of RA 9504.

22. Basic/Diluted Loss Per Share

	2009	2008	2007
Net loss attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company	₱13,272,072	₱108,551,605	₱147,655,541
Divided by weighted average number of shares outstanding	2,360,319,761	2,289,821,964	1,707,320,733
Basic/diluted loss per share	₱0.01	₱0.05	₱0.09

The Parent Company does not have potential common shares with dilutive effect as of December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007. Therefore, the basic and diluted loss per share are the same as of those dates.

23. Segment Information

The primary segment reporting format is determined to be divided into business segments for which the Group's risk and rate of return are affected predominantly by differences in the products produced. The operating businesses are organized and managed separately through the Parent Company and its subsidiaries according to the nature of the products provided, with each segment representing a strategic business unit that offers different products to different markets.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Group has three main business segments - investment holding, agriculture and oil and gas exploration.

The Group's operating business segments remain to be neither organized nor managed by geographical segment.

The following table presents certain segment results, assets and liability information regarding the Group's business segments:

December 31, 2009:

	Investment Holding	Energy, Oil and Gas Exploration	Agriculture	Eliminations	Total
Results					
Loss before income tax	(₱14,361,931)	₱-	(₱3,043,331)	₱-	(₱17,405,262)
Provision for (benefit from) income tax	(4,063,085)	-	5,734	-	(4,057,351)
Net loss	(₱10,298,846)	₱-	(₱3,049,065)	-	(₱13,347,911)
Assets and Liabilities					
Segment assets	₱409,142,319	₱36,299,831	₱49,415,521	(₱154,337,174)	₱340,520,497
Investment properties	120,086,298	-	-	-	120,086,298
Deferred income tax assets	15,188,913	-	-	-	15,188,913
Consolidated total assets	₱544,417,530	₱36,299,831	₱49,415,521	(₱154,337,174)	₱475,795,708
Consolidated total liabilities	₱47,873,868	₱-	₱36,263,700	(₱62,744,608)	₱21,392,960
Other Segment Information					
Addition to property and equipment	₱-	₱-	₱12,852,104	₱-	₱12,852,104
Depreciation and amortization	2,942,156	-	615,118	-	3,557,274



December 31, 2008:

	Investment Holding	Energy, Oil and Gas Exploration	Agriculture	Eliminations	Total
Results					
Loss before income tax	(P86,344,099)	P-	(P3,763,111)	P-	(P90,107,210)
Provision for income tax	(18,432,740)	-	(36,003)	-	(18,468,743)
Net loss	(P104,776,839)	P-	(P3,799,114)	-	(P108,575,953)
Assets and Liabilities					
Segment assets	P408,977,454	P31,681,173	P29,135,432	(P124,331,623)	P345,462,436
Investment properties	120,086,298	-	-	-	120,086,298
Deferred income tax assets	8,623,748	-	-	-	8,623,748
Consolidated total assets	P537,687,500	P31,681,173	P29,135,432	(P124,331,623)	P474,172,482
Consolidated total liabilities	P50,553,736	P-	P12,934,546	(P32,739,056)	P30,749,226
Other Segment Information					
Addition to property and equipment	P772,901	P-	P10,802,756	P-	P11,575,657
Depreciation and amortization	1,406,577	-	1,941,457	-	3,348,034

24. Financial Instruments

Fair Values of Financial Instruments

The following tables set forth the carrying values and estimated fair values of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities recognized per category as of December 31:

	2009		2008	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Financial Assets				
Financial assets at FVPL				
Investments in:				
Philippine mutual funds	P2,105,027	P2,105,027	P1,729,379	P1,729,379
Publicly-listed shares of stock	-	-	4,514,912	4,514,912
	2,105,027	2,105,027	6,244,291	6,244,291
Loans and receivables:				
Cash and cash equivalents	100,177,852	100,177,852	154,972,996	154,972,996
Receivables:				
Receivable from FEP	9,773,167	9,773,167	10,052,401	10,052,401
Account receivable	389,354	389,354	520,026	520,026
Interest receivable	548,931	548,931	505,692	505,692
Advances to employees	228,770	228,770	474,500	474,500
Due from ZNB Partners	-	-	4,670,900	4,670,900
	111,118,074	111,118,074	171,196,515	171,196,515
AFS financial assets (Note 9):				
Quoted government bonds	6,512,221	6,512,221	6,446,603	6,446,603
Quoted equity investments	34,183,915	34,183,915	17,218,499	17,218,499
Unquoted equity investments	3,853,621	3,853,621	3,327,150	3,327,150
	44,549,757	44,549,757	26,992,252	26,992,252
	P157,772,858	P157,772,858	P204,433,058	P204,433,058
Financial Liabilities				
Other financial liabilities:				
Accounts payable	P3,885,847	P3,885,847	P14,359,914	P14,359,914
Dividends payable	888,714	888,714	888,714	888,714
	P4,774,561	P4,774,561	P15,248,628	P15,248,628



The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument for which it is practicable to estimate such value:

Financial assets at FVPL

The fair value of financial assets at FVPL is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price.

Cash and cash equivalents, receivables and accounts payable and accrued expenses

Due to the short-term nature of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and accounts payable and accrued expenses, the carrying values of these accounts were assessed to approximate their fair values.

AFS financial assets

AFS financial assets in quoted equity instruments and quoted debt instruments are carried in the Group's consolidated balance sheets at fair value, which is determined by reference to quoted market prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date. AFS financial assets in unquoted equity instruments are composed of non-listed shares of common stock and proprietary clubs membership which are carried at cost because fair value cannot be reliably measured. Fair value cannot be reasonably determined because the range of reasonable fair value estimates is significant and the probabilities of the various estimates cannot be reasonably assessed.

Fair value hierarchy

The Company uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

- Level 1: quoted prices in active markets for identical financial assets or liabilities
- Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Group considers its quoted financial assets at FVPL and AFS financial assets under Level 1 classification (see Notes 6 and 9).

During the reporting period ended December 31, 2009, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and no transfers into and out of Level 3 fair value measurements.

There were no financial liabilities measured at fair value as of December 31, 2009 and 2008.

25. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Group's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, financial assets at FVPL, receivables, AFS financial assets and accounts payables and accrued expenses. Cash and cash equivalents, financial assets at FVPL and AFS financial assets are being used for investment purposes, while receivables and accounts payable and accrued expenses arise from operations. The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: foreign exchange risk, equity price risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on minimizing the potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance due to unpredictability of financial markets.



The Group's exposures to these risks are managed through close monitoring by the Group's key management and BOD through the Finance and Investments Committee.

Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk to earnings or capital arising from changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group takes on exposure to effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial statements. Fluctuations in exchange rates can have significant effects on the Group's reported results. The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from its foreign currency-denominated cash, receivable and AFS financial assets accounts. The Group's policy is to minimize economic and material transactional exposures arising from currency movements against the Peso.

The Group's significant foreign currency-denominated financial assets as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

	2009		2008	
	Original Currency	Peso Equivalent	Original Currency	Peso Equivalent
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents - US\$	83,161	₱3,842,038	200,278	₱9,517,205
Receivable from FEP - US\$	211,540	9,773,167	211,540	10,052,401
AFS financial assets:				
Quoted equity investments				
Euro	6,500	482,235	8,000	530,000
GBP	460,774	30,715,195	238,109	16,689,060
		₱44,812,635		₱36,788,666

The Group's foreign currency-denominated exposures comprise significantly of its exposure in its United States Dollar, Euro and Great Britain Pound (GBP) financial assets.

For purposes of translating the foreign currency-denominated monetary assets and liabilities as of December 31, the exchange rates applied were as follows:

	2009	2008
US\$	₱46.20	₱47.52
GBP	66.66	70.09
EURO	74.19	66.25

The following table summarizes the impact on the consolidated financial statements of reasonably possible changes in the exchange rates of foreign currencies against the Peso as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 until the Group's next financial reporting date:

	Change in peso - foreign exchange rate	Increase (decrease) in loss before income tax
2009	Increase by 5%	₱1,781,665
	Decrease by 5%	(1,781,665)
2008	Increase by 5%	1,839,405
	Decrease by 5%	(1,839,405)



The effect on the Group's equity in relation to foreign exchange risk already excludes the effect on the transactions affecting profit or loss.

Equity price risk

Equity price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Group is exposed to equity securities price risk because of investments held by the Group, which are classified on the consolidated balance sheets as at FVPL and AFS financial assets.

The following table presents the effect on the consolidated financial statements of reasonably possible changes in market prices of these equity securities as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 until the Group's next financial reporting date:

	Change in Quoted Prices of Investments Carried at Fair Value	Increase (decrease) in loss before income tax	Increase (decrease) in equity
2009			
Financial assets at FVPL	Increase by 9%	P189,452	P-
AFS financial assets	Increase by 9%	-	3,115,548
Financial assets at FVPL	Decrease by 9%	(189,452)	-
AFS financial assets	Decrease by 9%	-	(3,115,548)
2008			
Financial assets at FVPL	Increase by 9%	561,986	-
AFS financial assets	Increase by 9%	-	1,549,665
Financial assets at FVPL	Decrease by 9%	(561,986)	-
AFS financial assets	Decrease by 9%	-	(1,549,665)

The effect on the Group's equity in relation to foreign exchange risk already excludes the effect on the transactions affecting profit or loss.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair values of financial instruments. The Group's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates is related primarily to the Group's AFS financial assets - investment in government bonds.

The following tables demonstrate the sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in interest rates:

	Change in Market Rate of Interest	Increase (Decrease) in Loss Before Income Tax
2009		
	100 basis points (bp) rise	(P65,000)
	100 bp fall	65,000
2008		
	100 bp rise	(65,000)
	100 bp fall	65,000



There is no other impact on the Group's equity other than those affecting profit or loss.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Group will incur a loss because its counterparties failed to discharge their contractual obligations. The Group manages and controls credit risk by doing business only with recognized, creditworthy third parties. Receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the Group's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

It is the Group's policy to maintain the receivables at a low level except for one-time non-trade transaction which the Group classifies under the collectible/not impaired because the parties have no history of default especially on transactions as agreed on the contract.

The following table provides information regarding the credit risk exposure of the Group by classifying assets according to the Group's credit ratings of debtors:

	2009		Total
	Neither Past Due nor Impaired (Satisfactory)	Past Due And Impaired	
Cash and cash equivalents	₱100,177,852	₱-	₱100,177,852
Receivables:			
Receivable from FEP	9,773,167	-	9,773,167
Accounts receivable	389,354	2,052,707	2,442,061
Interest receivable	548,931	-	548,931
Advances to employees	228,770	-	228,770
	10,940,222	2,052,707	12,992,929
Financial assets at FVPL:			
Philippine mutual funds	2,105,027	-	2,105,027
AFS financial assets:			
Quoted government bonds	6,512,221	-	6,512,221
Unquoted equity investments	3,853,621	-	3,853,621
	10,365,842	-	10,365,842
	₱123,588,943	₱2,052,707	₱125,641,650

	2008		Total
	Neither Past Due nor Impaired (Satisfactory)	Past Due And Impaired	
Cash and cash equivalents	₱154,972,996	₱-	₱154,972,996
Receivables:			
Receivable from FEP	10,052,401	-	10,052,401
Accounts receivable	520,026	2,052,707	2,572,733
Interest receivable	505,692	-	505,692
Advances to employees	474,500	-	474,500
Due from ZNB Partners	4,670,900	-	4,670,900
	16,223,519	2,052,707	18,276,226
Financial assets at FVPL:			
Publicly-listed shares of stock	4,514,912	-	4,514,912
Philippine mutual funds	1,729,379	-	1,729,379
	6,244,291	-	6,244,291

(Forward)



	2008		Total
	Neither Past Due nor Impaired (Satisfactory)	Past Due And Impaired	
AFS financial assets:			
Quoted government bonds	P6,446,603	P-	P6,446,603
Unquoted equity investments	3,327,150	-	3,327,150
	9,773,753	-	9,773,753
	P187,214,559	P2,052,707	P189,267,266

The credit quality of the financial assets was determined as follows:

Financial instruments classified as "satisfactory" are those cash and cash equivalents transacted with reputable local and multi-national banks and receivables with some history of default on the agreed terms of the contract. Concentration of financial assets as at FVPL and AFS financial assets are considered "satisfactory" since these are invested in blue chip shares of stock. "Past due an impaired" are items with history of frequent defaults, nevertheless, the amounts are still collectible. There are no past due but not impaired receivables.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk within the Company.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Group could not be able to settle or meet its obligations on time or at a reasonable price. Management is responsible for liquidity, funding as well as settlement management. Management also ensures that the Group will maximize its gain on trading of marketable securities to finance future capital intensive projects. The Group manages its liquidity risk on a consolidated basis based on business needs, tax, capital or regulatory considerations, if applicable, through numerous sources of finance in order to maintain flexibility.

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the financial liabilities of the Group based on remaining undiscounted contractual obligations:

	2009		Total
	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months but less than one year	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses:			
Accounts payable	P3,885,847	P-	P3,885,847
Dividends payable	-	888,714	888,714
	P3,885,847	P888,714	P4,774,561



	2008		Total
	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months but less than one year	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses:			
Accounts payable	₱14,359,914	₱-	₱14,359,914
Dividends payable	-	888,714	888,714
	₱14,359,914	₱888,714	₱15,248,628

The table shows the Group's financial assets as of December 31. These financial assets are on demand and expected to be realized within one year.

	2009	2008
Cash and cash equivalents	₱100,185,897	₱155,032,996
Receivables:		
Receivable from FEP	9,773,167	10,052,401
Accounts receivable	2,442,061	2,572,733
Interest receivable	548,931	505,692
Advances to employees	228,770	474,500
Due from ZNB Partners	-	4,670,900
	12,992,929	18,276,226
Financial assets at FVPL:		
Publicly-listed shares of stock	-	4,514,912
Philippine mutual funds	2,105,027	1,729,379
	2,105,027	6,244,291
AFS financial assets:		
Quoted government bonds	6,512,221	6,446,603
Quoted equity investments	34,183,915	17,218,499
Unquoted equity investments	3,853,621	3,327,150
	44,549,757	26,992,252
	₱159,833,610	₱206,545,765

Risk Related to Agricultural Activities

As a producer of cassava and dried cassava granules, the Group's earnings are subjected to certain factors related to the business and economic conditions, as well as changes in business strategy, weather conditions, crop yields, raw material costs, availability and competition.

The Group is exposed to financial risks arising from changes in production costs, volume of harvests which is influenced by natural phenomenon such as weather patterns and volume of rainfall. The level of harvest is affected by field performance and market changes. For instance, the cost of growing crops is exposed to changes in demand and supply.

The ability to maintain the physical condition of its root crops such as exposure to plant disease could adversely impact production and consumer confidence.



Operational risks are minimized through the following:

- Floor price maintained through annual purchase order volume commitments
- Mechanical drying facilities which negate exposure of cassava granules to rain while drying
- Long term relationships with suppliers of farm inputs to ensure supply and bulk pricing
- Community based dissemination of agronomy practices for expansion of cassava areas within areas of operation
- Internal control measures
- Security measures
- Performance monitoring

Capital Management

The objective of the Group's capital management is to ensure that it maintains a healthy capital ratio in order to support its business and maximize shareholder value.

The Group manages its capital structure and make adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may issue new shares. No changes were made on the objectives, policies or processes during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008.

Management of working capital focuses on short-term decisions relating to cash and cash equivalents and other current assets and liabilities. The goal of working capital management is to ensure that the Group is able to continue its business operations and that it has sufficient funds to satisfy maturing current liabilities and operating expenses.

The table below summarizes the total capital considered by the Group:

	2009	2008
Capital stock	₱602,668,833	₱572,455,491
Additional paid-in capital	27,067,569	4,105,430
Deposits for future stock subscription	24,386,336	66,761,817
Deficit	(225,655,609)	(213,543,202)
	<u>₱428,467,129</u>	<u>₱429,779,536</u>

26. Agreements

In 2009, BEFI and San Miguel Foods, Inc. (SMFI) entered into a Farm Consolidation and Supply Agreement (the Agreement) wherein BEFI has signified its interest to actively solicit and identify farmer-growers to produce cassava, grain sorghum and/or sweet potato (collectively referred as crops) and provide a sufficient and steady supply of the crops to SMFI. The Agreement describes that BEFI will identify and consolidate farm lands in the city of Zamboanga and in the provinces of Zamboanga Sibugay and Zamboanga del Norte. All crops by the farmer-growers shall be sold exclusively to SMFI.

BEFI has consolidated a total of 300 hectares in 2009 for the production of the crops, which shall be increased to 3,000 hectares in the next three years.



SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SEC FORM 17-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE
SRC AND SRC RULE 17(a)-17(b)(2) THEREUNDER

1. For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010
2. Commission identification number 168063
3. BIR Tax Identification No. 000-438-702-000
4. Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter
BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION
5. Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization Philippines
6. Industry classification code
7. Address of registrant's principal office 7th Flr., Basic Petroleum Bldg., C. Palanca St.,
Legaspi Village, Makati City, Philippines Postal Code 1229
8. Registrant's telephone number, including area code (632) 817-8596 to 98
9. Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report

10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC

<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Number of shares of common stock outstanding or amount of debt outstanding</u>
<u>Common Shares</u>	<u>2,410,675,330</u>
<u>Listed with PSE</u>	<u>2,410,675,330</u>

11. Are any or all of the securities listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange?

Yes No

12. Indicate by check mark whether the registrant:

(a) Has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 17 of the SRC and SRC 17(a)-1 thereunder and Sections 26 and 141 of the Corporation Code of the Philippines, during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period the registrant was required to file such reports)

Yes No

(b) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

PART I--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

“Attachment A”

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

“Attachment A”

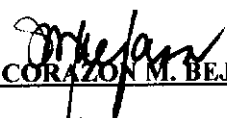
PART II--OTHER INFORMATION


“Attachment A”

The registrant may, at its option, report under this item any information not previously reported in a report on SEC Form 17-C. If disclosure of such information is made under this Part II, it need not be repeated in a report on Form 17-C which would otherwise be required to be filed with respect to such information or in a subsequent report on Form 17-Q.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the SRC, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant 
CORAZON M. BEJASA
Signature and Title VP & Corporate Secretary
Date April 29, 2010

Principal Financial/
Accounting Officer/Controller 
MARIETTA V. VILLAFUERTE
Signature and Title VP & Treasurer
Date April 29, 2010

ATTACHMENT "A"
FINANCIAL INFORMATION
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2010

1. The following unaudited financial statements are contained in this report:
 - 1.1 Statements of Income and Retained Earnings for the Period Ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009;
 - 1.2 Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009;
 - 1.3 Statements of Cash Flows for the Period Ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009;
 - 1.4 Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the Period Ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009.
2. Discussion on Financial Condition for the Period December 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

A. Key Performance Indicators

Management considers the following as key performance indicators of the company: Return on Investment (ROI), Profit Margin, Performance of Committed Work Programs, Current Ratio and Asset Turnover.

The following table shows the Top 5 performance indicators for the past three interim periods:

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	1st Qtr 2010	1st Qtr 2009	1st Qtr 2008
Return on Investments (ROI) (Net Income/Ave. Stockholders' Equity)	3.450%	-3.355%	-3.226%
Profit Margin (Net Income/Net Revenue)	66.81%	-1039.5%	-505.3%
Investment in Projects(Non-Petroleum) as a % of Total Assets	38.73%	40.41%	23.34%
Investment in Wells & Other Facilities as a % of Total Assets	7.87%	6.90%	13.58%
Current Ratio (Current Asset/Current Liabilities)	28.41:1	10.38:1	42.54:1
Asset turnover (Net revenue/Ave. Total Assets)	4.947%	0.301%	0.673%

ROI (Net Income / Average Stockholders' Equity) measures the profitability of stockholders' investment. Profit Margin (Net Income / Net Revenue) measures the net income produced by each peso of revenue. Investment in Projects as a % of Assets, measures how much the company invested in its committed work programs. Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities) measures the short-term debt-paying ability of the company. Asset Turnover (Net Revenue / Average Total Assets) measures how efficiently assets are used to produce profit.

ROI (3.450%) and Profit Margin (66.81%) show positive rates because of the income for the first quarter. Net income for the 1st quarter of 2010 was PhP 15.717 million, up by PhP 30.324 million compared to the net loss booked for the 1st quarter of 2009 of PhP 14.607 million. This was due to the realized gain from the sale of the company's AFS investment.

Investment in Projects (Non- Petroleum) as a % of Total Assets slightly decreased during the 1st quarter of 2010 compared to the same quarter in 2009 mainly due to the increased total assets base during the 1st quarter of 2010 compared to the same quarter last year.

Investment in Wells & Other Facilities as a % of Total Assets increased during the 1st quarter of 2010 compared to the same quarter in 2009 due to additional investments booked for the quarter.

Current Ratio (28.41:1) increased for the 1st quarter of 2010 compared to the same quarter last year due to the increase in current assets and the decrease in current liabilities during the 1st quarter of 2010 compared to last year.

Asset Turnover (4.947%) increased for the 1st quarter of 2010 compared to the same quarter last year due to the increase in revenue during the 1st quarter of 2010 compared to last year.

B. Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition as of March 31, 2010

For the quarter ending March 31, 2009, Net Income on a consolidated basis was PhP 15.717 million from Total Revenues of PhP 23.524 million and Total Costs and Expenses of PhP 7.814 million with minority interest recorded at PhP 6.796 thousand.

There was no revenue from Petroleum Operations during the quarter.

Total revenue for the quarter amounted to PhP 23.524 million. Compared to the same quarter last year, total revenue registered an increase of PhP 22.119 million. This was mainly due to the realized gain on sale of the company's available for sale (AFS) investment.

Cash and Cash Equivalents of PhP 134.475 million increased by PhP 34.289 million during the first quarter of 2010 compared to the balance as of December 31, 2009 of PhP 100.186 million. The increase was mainly due to the proceeds from the sale of our AFS investment partly reduced by operating costs incurred and additional investments and property and equipment booked for the quarter.

The interim financial report is in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles. The same accounting policies and methods of computation were followed in the interim financial statements, as compared with the most recent audited financial statements, which are as of December 31, 2009.

The interim operations are not characterized by any seasonality or cyclicity. The nature and amount of items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income and cash flows are explained in Attachment "A" on Financial Information for the Quarter ending March 31, 2010.

There are no changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior interim periods of the current financial year or those reported in prior financial years.

There are no other issuances, repurchases and repayments of debt and equity securities other than the additional listing of 120,853,366 common shares of Basic Energy Corporation which was approved by the PSE on May 27, 2009.

There were no dividends paid (aggregate or per share) separately for ordinary shares and other shares.

Currently, the company has a single business and geographical segment and therefore, segment disclosures have not been included.

There are no material events subsequent to the end of the interim period that have not been reflected in the financial statements for the interim period.

There are no changes in the composition of the company during the interim period, including business conditions, acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and long-term investments, restructurings, and discontinuing of operations.

Since December 31, 2009, there are no other changes in contingent liabilities or assets and no new material contingencies, events or transactions that have occurred during the current interim period. There are no trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties, known to management that will have a material impact on the company's liquidity.

There are no material commitments for capital expenditures and no seasonal aspects that have a material effect on the financial conditions or results of operations.

There are no known trends, events or uncertainties that have had or that are reasonably expected to have a material favorable or unfavorable impact on net sales/revenues/income from continuing operations.

There are no events that will trigger direct or contingent financial obligations that are material to the company, including any default or acceleration of an obligation.

There are no material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations, (including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the company with unconsolidated entities or other persons created during the reporting period.

The causes for any material changes (5% of the relevant accounts or such lower amount, which the company deems material on the basis of other factors) from period to period which include vertical and horizontal analysis of any material item, have been presented in this report.

There were no sales of unregistered or exempt securities, nor were there any issuances of securities constituting an exempt transaction.

Finally, there are no other material information for disclosure during the current interim period, whether under this report or under SEC Form 17-C.

BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009

	UNAUDITED March 31, 2010	AUDITED December 31, 2009
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	P 134,475,071	P 100,185,897
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss		2,105,027
Receivables-net	10,982,829	10,940,222
Agricultural Produce	526,353	
Biological Assets	26,572,017	23,522,738
Other current assets	1,292,642	693,197
Total Current Assets	173,848,910	137,447,081
Non Current Assets		
Investments and Advances - net	124,502,054	164,636,055
Property and Equipment	44,808,921	44,050,881
Project Development costs	64,028,691	62,378,691
Deferred Exploration costs	37,391,576	36,299,832
Deferred income tax asset	15,188,913	15,188,913
Intangible asset	7,022,602	7,022,602
Net pension assets	544,500	544,500
Other noncurrent assets	7,983,463	8,227,153
Total Non Current Assets	301,470,720	338,348,627
Total Assets	P 475,319,630	P 475,795,708
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	P 5,631,428	P 4,933,372
Income tax payable	487,587	40,097
Total Current Liabilities	P 6,119,015	P 4,973,469
Non Current Liabilities		
Deferred income tax liabilities	11,271,987	16,419,491
Accrued retirement benefit	0	0
Total Noncurrent liabilities	11,271,987	16,419,491
Total liabilities	P 17,391,002	P 21,392,960
Minority Interest	633,680	640,476
Stockholders' Equity		
Attribute to equity holders of the Company:		
Capital stock[held by 7,164 & 7,231 equity holders as of 2009 & 2008 respectively]	602,668,833	602,668,833
Additional Paid-In Capital	27,067,569	27,067,569
Deposit for future subscriptions	24,386,336	24,386,336
Revaluation increment in office condominium	12,756,334	12,756,334
Fair value adjustments on financial assets	354,196	12,538,809
Deficit	(209,938,322)	(225,655,609)
Total Equity	457,294,947	453,762,272
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	P 475,319,630	P 475,795,708

BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
For the period ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009

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	As of March 31, 2010	As of March 31, 2009
REVENUES		
	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>
Interest, Dividends and Others	984,452	1,402,969
Sales	203,405	
Realized Gain on sale of AFS	22,336,609	
Other Income		2,289
	<u>23,524,465</u>	<u>1,405,257</u>
COSTS AND EXPENSES		
General and administrative expenses	6,042,351	16,609,264
Costs of Sales	171,133	
Fair Value Adjustments	280,777	
Provision for Impairment Losses		234,370
Loss on sale of FVPL securities	-	(648,663)
Foreign Exchange Loss	872,222	(177,633)
	<u>7,366,483</u>	<u>16,017,338</u>
LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX	16,157,982	(14,612,081)
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX		
Current	447,490	0
Deferred	447,490	0
	<u>447,490</u>	<u>0</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	15,710,493	(14,612,081)
MINORITY INTEREST	6,796	5,018
	<u>15,717,288</u>	<u>(14,607,063)</u>
RETAINED EARNINGS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR / QUARTER	(225,655,609)	(213,543,203)
	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT) AT END OF YEAR/ QUARTER	(209,938,321)	(228,150,267)
Earnings (Loss) Per Share	0.0065	(0.0064)

Formula: Earnings (Loss) Per Share

- Net Loss / No. of shares for the quarter ended March 31, 2010
2,410,675,330

Net Loss / No. of shares for the quarter ended March 31, 2009
2,289,821,964

BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Period Ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009

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	1st quarter 2010	1st quarter 2009
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income (loss)	P 16,157,982	P (14,612,081)
Adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Interest income	(984,452)	(1,388,529)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,765,463	1,371,666
Fair Value Adjustment on financial assets at FVPL and Impairment losses on AFS	280,777	(414,292)
Foreign Exchange Gain/Loss	872,222	(177,633)
Dividend Income	-	(14,440)
Operating income (loss) before working capital changes	18,091,992	(15,235,309)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Decrease (Increase) in asset/s		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2,105,027	-
Prepayments and other current assets	(3,931,384)	(441,719)
Increase (Decrease) in liabilities		
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	698,056	(542,150)
Accrued Retirement Fund	-	379,775
Other Liabilities	(4,700,014)	-
Cash generated from (used in) operations	<u>12,221,070</u>	<u>(15,579,528)</u>
Interest received	984,452	1,388,529
Taxes paid	(447,490)	-
Net cash flows from (used) in operating activities	<u>P 12,758,032</u>	<u>P (14,190,999)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Sale of AFS & FVPL Investments	39,853,224	(234,370)
Additions (Deductions) to:		
AFS Investment	-	P (1,015,630)
Project Development Cost	(1,650,000)	(1,015,383)
Deferred Exploration Costs	(1,091,744)	-
Property & Equipment	(2,523,503)	(4,957,796)
Unrealized Gain of Fair Value Adjustments	(12,184,613)	-
Dividends received	-	14,440
Net cash provided in investing activities	<u>P 22,403,364</u>	<u>P (6,974,369)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from issuance of capital stock	-	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>P -</u>
Effect of Foreign Exchange Rate Changes in Cash & Cash Equivalent	(872,222)	177,633
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT	34,289,174	P (20,987,735)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT AT BEGINNING OF YEAR/QUARTER	100,185,897	155,032,996
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT AT END	<u>P 134,475,071</u>	<u>P 134,045,261</u>

BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
For the Period Ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009

	Quarters Ended March 31	
	2010	2009
CAPITAL STOCK - P 0.25 par value Authorized - 2,000,000,000 shares		
Issued and Subscribed	2,410,675,330	2,289,821,964
Held by a Subsidiary		
Paid-up Capital Stock at beginning of year	602,668,833	572,455,491
Issuance of capital stock		
Paid-up Capital Stock at end of period/quarter	602,668,833	572,455,491
ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL		
Balance at beginning of year	27,067,569	4,105,430
Equity restructuring		
Issuance of Capital Stock		
Balance at end of period	27,067,569	4,105,430
Deposits for Future Stock Subscription	24,386,336	66,761,817
Revaluation increment in office condominium	12,756,334	13,915,999
Fair value adjustments on financial assets	354,196	(988,594)
RETAINED EARNINGS (Deficit)		
Balance at beginning of the year	(225,655,609)	(213,543,203)
Net loss for the period	15,717,287	(14,607,063)
Equity Restructuring		
Balance at end of period	(209,938,322)	(228,150,266)
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	457,294,947	428,099,877

BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES
As of March 31, 2010

Receivable from Stockholders	1,718,887
Forum PLC	9,555,281
Vital Resources Corp.	113,165
Advances to Officers & Employees	195,331
Others	1,452,872
Less: Allowance for uncollectible accounts	<u>(2,052,707)</u>
	<u><u>10,982,829</u></u>

Basic Energy Corporation & Subsidiaries									
Aging of Accounts Receivable									
As of March 31, 2010									
Type of Accounts Receivable	Total	1 Month	2-3 Mos.	4-6 Mos.	7 Mos. To 1 Year	1-2 Years	3-5 Years	5 Years - above	Pas due accounts & Items in Litigation
a) Trade Receivables									
1)		-	-	-	-	-			
2)	-								
3)	-								
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Less: Allow. For Doubtful Acct.	-								
Net Trade receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-			
b) Non-Trade Receivables									
1) Forum P.L.C.	9,555,281						9,555,281		
2) Advances to officers/employees	195,331	115,168				80,163			
3) Receivables from stockholders	1,718,887							1,718,887	
3) Others	1,566,037	319,199	313,913			408,526	524,398		
Subtotal	13,035,536	434,367	313,913			488,689	10,079,679	1,718,887	
Less: Allow. For Doubtful Acct.	(2,052,707)					(20,112)	(319,368)	(1,713,227)	
Net Non-trade receivable	10,982,829	434,367	313,913			468,577	9,760,311	5,660	
Net Receivables (a + b)	10,982,829	434,367	313,913			468,577	9,760,311	5,660	

Notes: If the Company's collection period does not match with the above schedule and revision is necessary to make the schedule not misleading, the proposed collection period in this schedule may be changed to appropriately reflect the Company's actual collection period.

BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES
As of March 31, 2010

Carlos A. Rosales	14,500
SSS/Philhealth/HDMF/BIR Payables	301,493
Accrued Expense Payables	4,462,163
Others	853,272
Total	<u>5,631,428</u>